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LGBT Youth: Exiled In America

Three-Year National Study To Be Guided By Ruth Ellis Center And Ozone House Directors

BY AJ TRAGER

In the late spring BTL reported that two seasoned community organizers who work with LGBT youth in Michigan have been tapped for a groundbreaking national project. For the next three years, LGBT youth advocates - Ozone House Executive Director Katie Doyle and Ruth Ellis Center Executive Director Jerry Peterson - will come together in collaboration with other LBGT advocates from around the nation to form a federally funded research group entitled 3/40 Blueprint to Reduce LGBTQ Youth Homelessness, aka Technical Expert Group (TEG).

A groundbreaking $900,000 grant has been awarded from The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau. It is aimed at addressing homelessness in the LGBT or questioning youth population to determine the best services and programs needed to meet LGBT standards among the homeless in shelters around the nation.

This one-time grant enables researchers at the University of Chicago Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Human Rights Campaign Foundation a way to work together. Meetings have already begun, said Peterson, and the group is working on providing an outline for the nation that will provide more LGBT knowledge when deciding programming.

"The project officers will be gathering input from LGBT youth and from providers about the relevance and effectiveness of the interventions that the project proposes. The proof will definitely be in the lived experiences of the youth who stand to benefit from this project," Doyle said. "We will primarily focus on measuring gains in the areas of safety, health and productivity."

The first year of the collaboration will focus on research and evidence. From this, Peterson said they will determine what is the most useful and create a national youth focus group where the staff, serving the general youth homeless population, will discuss training, issues and policies that can help the LGBT homeless youth community.

So far, investigators for the TEG group are completing a comprehensive review of published literature and unpublished information on LGBT homeless youth. According to Doyle, the next step will be to meet directly with LGBT youth in Transitional Living Programs across the country in rural, urban and suburban settings to collect their insights.

The second year will focus on building a framework, policies, programs and assessments based on the information collected during the first year. The final year will be used to disseminate everything planned on the national level, including the creation of websites as well as educating trainers, consulting with shelters and providing the assessments for each shelter to gauge its competency.

"I have contacted TEG members several times already for resources about challenging issues. In addition, one of the most valuable aspects of this particular network is the voices of youth in the TEG. It is not only very powerful to learn from the youth members, but it is amazing to be able to share with youth in Ypsilanti that there are youth in California or Minnesota who are having very similar experiences. Sharing those voices lifts some of the stigma and isolation that many homeless LGBTQ youth experience," Doyle stressed.

Experience Tapped

America has an estimated 500,000 to 1.6 million homeless youth and up to 40 percent of these young people identify as gay or transgender, but Peterson believes that number to be far greater. He came to the Ruth Ellis Center from California a year ago. Out west, he spent four and a half years with a six-agency collaborative working with family acceptance and the familial rejection of LBGT youth.

As the only mission specific center in the Midwest focusing on the needs of LGBT homeless youth since 1999, REC provides the knowledge and expertise for the technical 3/40 Blueprint Technical Committee. According to Peterson, REC gives a voice to the intersectionality that the LGBT youth of color experience in impoverished urban environments.

"I never tire of the full range of identities and the opportunity to provide a place where people can be fully themselves and to not have to define what that is. They are who they are, and what they are, and it is the most amazing thing in my whole life to provide that space," Peterson said.

Michigan currently has no housing or work protection for LGBT youth or the LGBT community at large. Peterson hopes that what comes out of the committee will set the building blocks to help fix this discrimination, as well as provide for better services in the future.

"If we are putting together a comprehensive framework for how shelters can serve LGBT youth (as a component of also serving the total homeless youth population), these things are going to surface more in urban areas, but they are also going on in both rural and urban areas," Peterson said. "Young people are engaging in transactional sex to survive; it's going on routinely. It's those kinds of issues and how to talk about them, how to address them, how to even acknowledge them: issues around harm reduction and how to deal with the trauma that's involved in those life experiences. Those are capacities, that if homeless shelters are really going to effectively provide safe and affirming environments for our young people, they gotta know and understand that."

Katie Doyle has been with Ozone House since 2000 and assumed the role of executive director in 2007. The agency is dedicated to helping young people lead safe, healthy and productive lives through intensive intervention and prevention services and has been supporting LGBT youth since the 1970s.

Ozone House is an organization that responds to crises 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Doyle said she finds the Ozone House crew caught in a cycle of managing one crisis to the next, and they're very grateful for the TEG project. It will allow them to focus on the needs of LGBT youth in transitional living programs.

"When they arrive at Ozone House, many youth have only ever heard -

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Feds Give Spring Arbor University Permission To Discriminate

BY TODD A. HEYWOOD

In 2007, students at Spring Arbor University protested the firing of Dr. Julie Nemecek. She was fired for being transgender. She is seen speaking in 2009. BTL file photos.

The U.S. Department of Education has given Michigan based Spring Arbor University permission to discriminate against LGBT students and employees. In a letter dated June 2, 2014, Spring Arbor University President Brent Ellis requested the federal government waive requirements under Title IX of the U.S. Code, which dictates treatment of students and employees at universities and other educational settings.

"Spring Arbor University is requesting an exemption from the specific Title IX regulations referenced in this letter, so that the University may discriminate on religious grounds in regards to its students and employees, in keeping with its religious beliefs and tenets of the Free Methodist religion, as set forth in this request," Ellis wrote on June 2.

The university sought waivers related to transgender students, lesbian, gay and bisexual students and in reference to unmarried pregnant students, unmarried single parents and persons who have had an abortion. The waiver would allow the university to refuse services to all the people in the category for housing, educational options and employment.

On June 27, Catherine E. Lhamon, assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education, responded to Ellis, approving the University's waiver.

"The University is exempt from the provisions listed immediately above, to the extent that they require the University to treat pregnancy, abortion, sexual orientation, and pre-marital and extra-marital relationships in a manner which is inconsistent with the religious tenets of its controlling organization," Lhamon wrote.

Spring Arbor's Discriminatory Past

This is not the first time Spring Arbor University has been in the news for its discriminatory policies related to LGBT people. In 2007, Dr. Julie Nemecek brought a lawsuit against the university after it fired her for being transgender. She later reached an undisclosed settlement with the university. That firing, as well as the university's anti-gay policies, resulted in the cancellation of a partnership with Lansing Community College that same year.

"I am disappointed they did that," Nemecek said of the news in a phone interview with BTL Friday afternoon.

And the experience at Spring Arbor for LGBT students was also not particularly safe, BTL reported in 2007. In an interview with BTL at the time, student Jamie, whose real name was not used, spoke of the situation on campus.

"I just hope that anyone who reads the piece that feels like they can't be themselves even around their friends, that they know it's not OK to feel that way. It's not OK to feel like you are wrong. You are not wrong. It's different but not wrong," Jamie said. "I think people shouldn't have to feel like the feelings they have or the relationships they have are wrong, even in God's eyes."

Alumni of the university have launched a Facebook group (SAU-Alumni-for-Equality) as well as a Change.org petition to advocate for change at the university.

"Here is something that has been on my heart about this whole thing - Christianity and the LGBTQ community have never really gotten along," says Del Belcher in a Facebook chat interview with BTL. "That really isn't news. However, the extent of SAU and the other two university's requests is mind boggling. Denying a person's ability to identify themselves, rejecting individuals on the basis of marital state, parental status, sexual and gender identity, where you live and who you live with – it just goes too far. I understand the rights of a community to set particular standards, but this request for exemption doesn't create standards, it bypasses dialogue and removes even the opportunity for constructive conversation."

Belcher, a 2007 graduate with a degree in Worship Arts, added, "At the very least, this is incredibly destructive."

Pride Across The Border

Windsor-Essex Pride Fest Arrives

BY AJ TRAGER

Metro Detroit's neighbor across the river will celebrate Pride this upcoming week. The LGBT community and allies from Southwestern Ontario will gather together Aug. 5th-10th. Windsor-Essex has been participating in the Pride celebrations since 1992 and over 5,000 people have attended the festival in celebration of diversity in previous years. Weekend activities will all be held at the Riverfront Festival Plaza.

Tuesday: The festivities will start at 10 a.m. on Aug. 5 at Windsor City Hall with a Pride Flag raising ceremony that will be attended by local dignitaries and community leaders.

Thursday: Pride moves to Rosebowl Lanes at 7 p.m. at 2482 Dougall Ave. for Pride Bowling Night. Prizes, food and drink specials and two free games will all be featured.

Friday: Hosted by 93.9FM, the Aug. 8th music festival "River Rock" will feature an all-Canadian four-band line up including The Walkervilles, The Blue Stones, The Unquiet Dead and Tara Watts Band. The evening will also feature retail and food vendors. The evening's festivities will last from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday: Pride will celebrate family oriented fun by turning the Riverfront Plaza into a big playground with food, entertainment and activities. The event will stage performances by Perry Noia The Clown, Zoo To You and magic and balloons by Jangles The Clown. There will be a Kids Zone play area featuring an inflatable Race Car bouncy castle, Enchanted Bouncy Castle and Disney Princess bouncy castle as well as face painting, balloon animals, a Home Depot craft table and the Windsor Fire Truck. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Pride Fest. Family Fun Day will last from noon to 5 p.m.

Evening entertainment will present APOLLO, named after the Greek god known of archery, poetry, the sun, light and music. Turning up the noise is DJ Alyson Calagna from Miami. Calagna has spun at big venues from around the world including Pacha, Stereo and The Guverment and has signed onto big dance labels such as Moody and Twisted. Also performing will be Windsor's DJ Josh Karmin and Toronto's own charming hostess, cabaret performer and Beyonce impersonator Sofonda Cox.

Sunday, Pride Day: The annual Pride Parade will start at 11 a.m. at the corner of Quellette Ave. and Elliot Ave. and will proceed through Downtown Windsor, ending at the Riverfront Festival Plaza. Everyone is welcome to attend, as event organizers believe it's an event not to miss. They remind families that parade members will adhere to the city's standards of decency as the community is a fan of good taste; the parade is a celebration of how great things are, not what shocks.

Pride Day will take place from 12-8 p.m. The event will hold award presentations and feature local artists such as Toronto's Miss Conception, Liberty Deep Down, Michigan's Sabin as Mistress of Ceremonies and many more. A suggested donation of $2 will be collected at the gate to help fund the event.

"Gay, straight, whatever... we don't believe in labels, BUT we do believe in everyone having a good time together," said the organizers of Windsor-Essex Pride.

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and repeated - negative commentary about LGBT youth. It is absolutely essential that we challenge and correct inappropriate or hostile language or behavior and build everyone's repertoire of safe and affirming behaviors," Doyle said.

According to Peterson, statistics will show a close 50/50 split between parental rejection and kids that run from the home as the reason why LGBT youth become homeless. He says most of the youth that come to REC would not identify as homeless even though they fit the Federal government's definition, which includes couch surfing and unstable housing, because they understand that anything short of permanent supportive housing is essentially considered homelessness. However, there is stigma related to homelessness and why one is rejected by their family.

"Fear for their safety or shame drives some youth from their homes, and just one night on the streets puts youth in grave danger and limits their choices drastically so that they are much more likely to fall into long-term homelessness. In other circumstances, youth find safety and acceptance from others outside of their home/neighborhoods and leave their home to join up with a new chosen family," Doyle said.

Peterson said REC is thinking about changing how they frame the services that they offer and what their goals are, because there are some young people who do not want to be identified as homeless even though they are.

REC has rules about safety and makes trust a big issue. These kids have had their trust broken with adults over and over again in their lives, and according to Peterson, REC provides a good entry-level framework to work with. They don't search the youth's property, nor does the center require entries to claim pronouns. It's a harm reduction model that honors privacy and autonomy.

"The model basically says we're going to take you as you are, where you are, there is no judgment. Rules here are basically about safety, and if you violate them, you cannot be in the space. Otherwise, whoever, whatever, you're welcome. You don't have to tell us that you identify in any particular way initially. After the third or fourth time the youth come back, we ask more demographic information to build rapport and build a relationship. To rebuild the trust that has been broken."

"In general, the LGBT organizations tend to demonize families who reject their kids, as well as homeless shelters from around the country who are not putting efforts into family preservation. We have to figure out how to have families stay together and move through this process [of acceptance/coming out]. And that is going to be one of the most critical ways to reduce LGBT homelessness."

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- Ozone House Executive Director Katie Doyle

Current Treatment Gap

However, not every center has programs and training in place to accurately aid LGBT homeless youth. The TEG group will work hard at minimizing that treatment gap.

These are the types of strategies that REC and Ozone House can bring to the committee because not every homeless center conducts safety and acceptance in the same way. These are the kinds of barriers, Peterson said, that need to be removed from other shelters, which he believes will be a challenge. Many of them are faith based or have a set of rules that are fixed and fast about gender and how that is housed and addressed, usually pertaining only to gender binary. Harm reduction and quick acceptance strategies are not present in other shelters where Peterson believes they should be. This extends to sex work, where many shelters will not provide a bed for LGBT youth unless they stop participating in transactional sex.

In hetero-normative communities, said Doyle, adolescence and sexual development are well documented and communicated, from first dates and first kisses to sexual health and marriage. These are all communicated rites of passage. Youth who identify as LGB don't hear many messages about their social and sexual development and therefore don't see a clear path through adolescence. The trans community has even less representation. Many of the messages that get thrown around are often negative, shaming messages about their identity.

"Indeed, LGBT identities are often highly sexualized as a result of ignorance or worse," Doyle said. "As if adolescence weren't confusing enough! Layer homelessness, with its attendant lack of basic resources like a safe place to crash, food, hygiene products, transportation or social networks, and sex work very often looks like a good choice to survive in this pressure-cooker environment."

National Perspective Needed

The 3/40 Blueprint Committee will gather information from around the country. With the help of the University of Chicago researchers, the team will look nationally instead of just locally for ways to improve the shelter system. For the most part, the current system is incompetent in addressing the needs of LGBT youth, said Peterson.

"You can always do more together than you can do alone," Peterson says. "I am a huge collaborator because there are folks who know all kinds of things that I don't know and never will, and they have personal experience and perspectives. Youth are so unique. You scatter glitter on a page and every piece of glitter is a unique identity of a person. Particularly representing such a diverse group of young people, that building a national network, sharing national knowledge and really taking a look at what's out there is paramount."

Peterson doesn't believe this project would have even been feasible two years ago, where he felt the effort – though desirable – would have been impossible. He believes that, in the past two years, there has finally been enough viable research strictly related to the LGBT youth population experiencing homelessness.

"Even the way we scan through Internet searches is changing. This effort is going to have a far-reaching impact," Peterson stressed. "As more and more private foundations are seeing the issue and communities are being introduced to LGBT youth homeless demographics, we will see more people paying attention to these issues."

Many kids begin to self identify their sexuality, gender and gender expression around the age of 12 or puberty. Peterson believes that there needs to be a heavy focus on family preservation as well as creating safe spaces for runaway youth.

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"We have a long way to go. A long way to go," Peterson said, "Policies and procedures don't change hearts and habits. They don't."

REC and Ozone House are members of the Forty to None Project, the first national program to focus on youth homelessness and the impact that has on LGBT youth. Both the REC and Ozone House are the only Michigan based organizations among the list of 86 Forty to None Project members. Visit the Forty to None website for more information on the project and to get involved at http://fortytonone.org/.

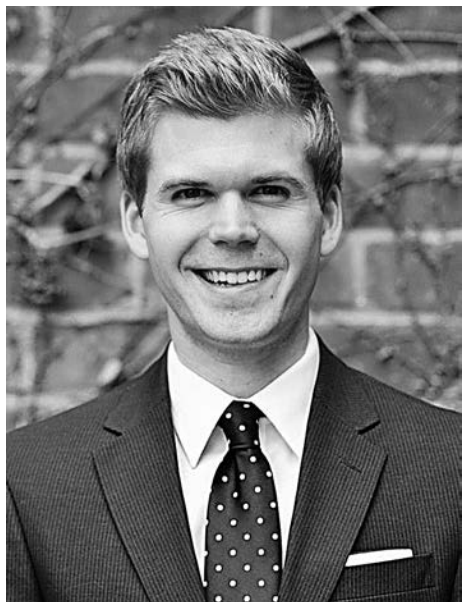
RESOURCES

If you or someone you know needs help call:

The Ruth Ellis Center at 313-252-1950
Ozone House Ann Arbor at 734-662-2222
Ozone House Ypsilanti at 734-485-2222
Affirmations at 800-398-4297
The National Runaway Safeline at 800-786-2929
24/7 Helpline at SafeHouse at 734-995-5444
National LGBT Youth Talkline at 800-246-7743

The Push To Ban Ex-Gay Therapy In Michigan

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS



Last week, State Rep. Adam F. Zemke (D-Ann Arbor) spoke on WDET's Craig Fahle Show about a bill that would ban ex-gay conversion therapy for those under 18 in Michigan. House Bill 5703, introduced on July 16, would prohibit "Any practice by a mental health professional that seeks to change a minor's sexual orientation."

Zemke emphasized the bill's necessity as a protection for minors, "Being gay isn't something you can fix through therapy, and there's nothing wrong with it. It's important we protect minors' civil rights." He told Fahle, "(Minors) blindly or innocently look to adults to give them guidance, and if we're saying it's okay for adults to give them guidance to something that doesn't work and is psychologically harmful, we're not doing our due diligence to protect them. At the end of the day, children have a right to be whoever they are."

The American Psychological Association has stated the therapy – which often attempts to change a minor's sexual orientation through counseling that can include prayer – is harmful, going so far as to say that "attempts to change orientation are ineffective" and can result in suicidal thoughts, depression and anxiety. The APA currently urges professionals to avoid the "conversion" process.

Patrick McAlvey, a former patient of conversion therapy, was also on the show. A current recruiter for Google, McAlvey told Fahle, "I did start going to a supposed ex-gay therapist who was a part of my church community. This person was presented as an expert. He informed me that no gay man was happy, that all gay men were addicted to drugs and random sex. It was clear to me that I had to do everything I could to beat it."

From age 11 to about 19, McAlvey – intending to keep his sexuality a secret from his parents – felt the pressure to change from his community and by the therapist. "I had been pre-programmed for judgment by people in my life, so finding those attractions within myself was terrifying," he recalls. "He (the therapist) said God could change my attractions and he could help me through psychological therapy. At first, I was so excited, because I thought there was a way to get out of this life of misery he had described. As years went on and I didn't see change, it became more and more devastating, like I wasn't working hard enough."

> *"It didn't work, obviously, so it wasn't successful. It left enormous damage that's taken years to heal."*
>
> – Patrick McAlvey
> on ex-gay conversion therapy

The therapist in question had not had proper licensure when McAlvey began with him, though he did attain an advanced degree during McAlvey's visits. The fact that conversion therapy is not well regulated is also part of Zemke's desire to see the bill passed.

Obstacles To Change

As a result of banning conversion therapy, mental health codes in the state would change. Before that point is reached, Fahle predicted possible challenges Zemke will face. "Rep. Gail Haines (R-Waterford), head of the House Health Policy Committee, doesn't support the bill and basically controls the agenda," Fahle noted. Zemke responded positively, "I'd like to think other people have influence on the agenda. It's a conversation Gail and I will have to have. At the end of the day, it's a civil rights issue, and I know she is supportive of civil rights."

Other possible challenges include what Gov. Chris Christie has faced since passing the bill

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Septuagenarianly Speaking

Parting Glances

OPINION BY CHARLES ALEXANDER

I just turned 70 something or other a couple of months ago, though I actually look much younger with the help of a portable scrim, a Sunset Boulevard screen and a 60-watt bulb, with five year guarantee. Transporting same is problematic when making out.

Some say I'm riding the down escalator of life, but I keep on two-stepping it back to the top. It's one way to get my exercise. I wave going up as well as going down. (No pun intended.)

Most of my years have been spent chasing the pot of gold at the end of Judy's LGBT rainbow. While I don't have the gold, I do have the pot and just a little of the high-heel spit polish.

I've had my fun in the sun, for which I'm happy. For something different to do I've thought about going straight or having a sex change (not quite the same thing as actually doing it). If an estimated 50 (or, is it 15?) ex-gays can pray, beg, borrow or steal their way into bedding the opposite sex once or twice in a blue moon, why, oh, why, can't I during my harvest moon?

It's surely no worse than using somebody else's tooth brush or shower cap. And I would imagine it's no problem as long as you don't floss or wear the polka-dot shower cap to bed, unless your opposite sex partner is into water sports.

At my age, what have I got to lose? I'm sure there's a senior citizen's home for ex-gays in some far-flung outpost of the Arizona Desert, say next to a compound for fundamentalist Mormons with several plural wives practicing regimented, Christian-missionary-position polygamy.

I confess, however, I do have reservations. (Those who are foolhardy enough to live past 70 usually do.) And while I don't have an ex-gay requisite wife or redundant plural wives to nag me, I do have on-going, long-standing, nagging management considerations.

One advantage of being older is that you know how Life's Big Picture Ferris wheel turns. You see who gets on it, how long they go around in circles, where they get stuck – proverbial top or bottom – and how and when they get off. And get on again. And get off again. And . . .

I remember Tommy who came out when I did as a teenager in Detroit's downtown gay scene. A hairdresser, he wanted "to go straight," so he did do just that. (Being a hairdresser admittedly was something of a professional handicap, but he was determined.)

Years later, when his three kids were grown, he chose not to continue to hide his lavender light under a beaded bushel, returned to the fold (ours not the ex-gays), and said he had found "the best of both worlds." As a try-sexual, he probably did. God bless Tommy. So much for twirling a different baton.

I knew Ruth. Met her at a gay seniors group. After a lackluster marriage, she came out smiling as a lesbian at age 70. (She finally had good luck at cover-all Bingo!) And, there's my friend Dr. "Marathon Bob" Shimmel, married with grown children, retired in his mid-60s, who finally came out after many gay encounters enjoyed without realizing he himself just might be – you never know – gay.

When Dr. Bob finally got the courage to tell his wife while out on a Sunday drive that he realized he was gay, she said lovingly, "I've known that for quite some time, dear. Where do you want to stop for dinner?"

The AMA-approved gospel truth is that some of us are gay. Period. (Raise your hands.) Some of us are try, bi, transgendered, and some – there goes the neighborhood – are none of the above. Anyone who's been around the pedometer block a few times knows this simple fact of life.

Only some of us simply can't get it straight. I'm one of them. Thankfully, too late to try.

No PrEP For Me!

Viewpoint

OPINION BY AL CUNNINGHAM

For some time now, I've been doing a not-so-slow burn as the last phase of a remarkable revolution takes place. With the recent release of the CDC's (U.S. Centers for Disease Control) and *Prevention* new guidelines for the prescription of antiretroviral drugs as HIV prevention, called PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), the pharmaceutical industry has completed its takeover of "public health" as far as HIV is concerned. Primary HIV prevention (keeping people HIV negative), abandoned long ago in favor of "prevention for (HIV) positives," has come full circle, with the same toxic drugs being prescribed for those with HIV now becoming available to those without it. As a longtime HIV prevention activist, sexual health educator and openly HIV-negative non-hetero black man, I'm compelled to dissent from the hype surrounding this "breakthrough":

1. Primary HIV prevention was widely discredited in the early 1990s as "unverifiable" and "a waste of money," largely by Congressional wingnutz, their media and "special interest" counterparts and even some public health leaders. In the wake of its scrapping, HIV infection rates rose astronomically, surprise! Awareness of the value of remaining HIV-negative and how to do so needs to be fully reconsidered as an economically feasible and socially desirable alternative to the cost of supplying expensive, toxic antiretroviral drugs to those most at-risk.

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2. The manufacturers of these drugs are among the most profitable companies in the world, and no wonder, at $30+ per pill in the US (drug makers have been shamed into allowing generic versions and reduced prices elsewhere). Thousands of people *living with HIV in the UNITED STATES* are unable to gain access to these drugs for political and economic reasons. The notion is both ironic and surreal that those in no need would gain access before those literally dying of AIDS.

3. What does it say about our culture, much less the integrity of its public health "civil servants" (already under scrutiny elsewhere), that we would routinely promote the use of drugs intended to treat a disease for its prevention, rather than invest in *proven* health-related social marketing? As the healthcare industry adds HIV to the list of "chronic, manageable illnesses," why shouldn't HIV prevention be "marketed" along with cancer, cardio-vascular and diabetes prevention, as a facet of social marketing promoting *healthy choices of all kinds*?

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4. Assuming funding "miraculously" appeared to make PrEP accessible to those most at-risk, men of color who have sex with other men, who will determine how it will be distributed, where and to whom? The greatest advantage of mass health communication is its availability to everyone, without regard for individual literacy or conventional political ideology. Public health has chosen to virtually ignore the time-tested, outcome-based commercial marketing model from which true social marketing is derived, funding unresearched pop-up "campaigns" and research by academic theorists, rather than formative market research on topics directly related to the practical prevention of sexually transmitted illness.

5. How accessible and/or available will PrEP be in prisons and other detention facilities, or in the military, settings in which the considerable risks for HIV and other sexually-transmitted illnesses are rarely addressed even by condoms, available for a small fraction of the cost of PrEP?

6. In the context of an evolving non-hetero paradigm for those who don't identify as heterosexual, how productive is it to focus attention on penetrative sexual acts, without harm reductive alternatives, when providing sexual health education? How useful is PrEP to males who have sex with males as well as females and need both contraceptive and other sexually transmitted illness protection, prevention and education? How long will public health continue to reinforce a heterosexist paradigm on non-heterosexuals?

Perhaps the greatest irony in this "perfect storm" of continuing infection is that with the CDC's backing of PrEP, public health is finally catching up to commercial marketing, if bending over backward in order to do so. Over the past few decades, the commercial marketplace has been deluged with sexually-based messages in advertising and entertainment media, including advertising for prescription drugs. Public health, "informed" by political reactionaries whose motives are often linked with those of corporate America, chose to take a "head-in-the-sand" attitude. Instead of acknowledging and addressing these trends and their outcomes, the public health "establishment" has brought us "abstinence only," "no condoms allowed," "prevention for positives," "post-exposure prophylaxis" (immediate treatment for those potentially infected), and now, "pre-exposure prophylaxis" (PrEP).

I came out in the midst of the "gay/sexual revolution," survived the First Wave of AIDS/HIV, agitated and advocated for more HIV-related funding for people of color, made sexual health education my life's work and have buried far more of my lovers, friends and colleagues from AIDS-related causes than I can ever account for. In almost 30 years of HIV prevention activism and professional work, much of it media and public information-related, I have NEVER received a request for someone HIV-negative to address a group or audience of any kind. Invited or not, my Mission henceforth includes continuing to LIVE OUT LOUD as an HIV-NEGATIVE, NON-HETERO (BLACK) MAN - by CHOICE, not CHANCE - and WITHOUT the assistance of an expensive, toxic daily pill.

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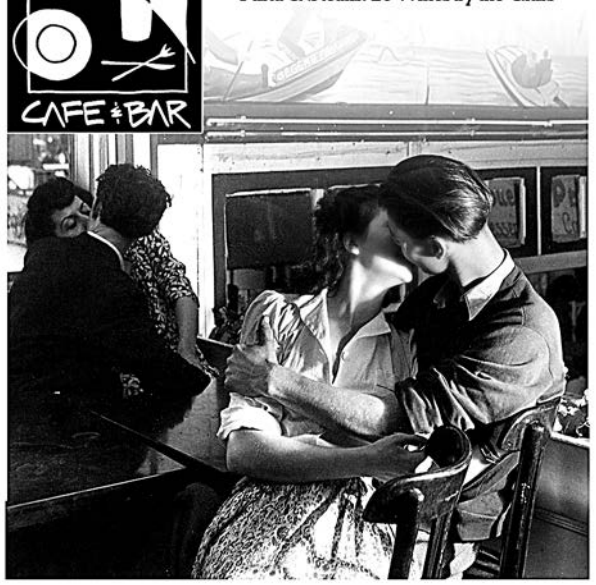
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Creep of the Week

Tim Dunkin

OPINION BY D'ANNE WITKOWSKI

Conservative commentator Tim Dunkin is raging mad that "sodomites" are allowed to adopt children, and he's not going to take it any more!

Tim Dunkin

In an Aug. 2 "think" piece on the Renew America website, Dunkin argues that the only reason homos want kids is to "recruit" them and make them "queer."

For "proof" he supplies a Daily Mail story from a couple of years ago about a transgender child being raised by lesbian parents, because, duh, lesbians are obviously going to "force" their sons to become daughters. Then Dunkin mentions Jesus and the Bible, blah blah blah...

So how, exactly, is having two mommies or two daddies worse than being cooked to death in an SUV?

His main claim, however, is that same-sex couples raising children is flat out child abuse. Imagine a totally awful way for a child to die. Whatever sick scenario you came up with, Dunkin would likely say it's still better than having gay parents.

"Let's face it," he writes, "handing children over to gays to be raised is as much abuse as is locking them in hot cars for hours on end. In fact, it's even worse."

Now, I don't know if you've ever read about what happens to a child locked in a hot car. But it's a really fucking horrible way to die. Dozens of kids in the U.S. die this way every year. Just a few days before this column was written, paramedics in New Jersey smashed the windows of a parked SUV to rescue a baby inside, except the baby was a doll. The vehicles' owner vehicle wasn't even mad! She was all, "Better safe than sorry," because that's how serious this is.

So how, exactly, is having two mommies or two daddies worse than being cooked to death in an SUV?

"[Y]ou can rescue a child from a car and make sure it never happens to him or her again," writes Dunkin.

It is true that you can rescue a child from a hot car, though I'm not quite sure what Dunkin means when he says you can then prevent such a thing from happening again for all eternity. How? What is the secret? The kids dying in locked cars deserve to know!

Alas, Dunkin doesn't have the answer, and he's less interested in saving kids and more interested in punishing same-sex parents.

"If the stories I've seen and read about the way many kids are 'raised' by gay 'parents' are any indication, a child caught up in this is in for a long, miserable, hellish ride," he writes.

As he only cited one story, I don't know what others he's heard. But I'm sure they're totally representative, balanced and accurate. Because his is clearly a very thoughtful and well-reasoned opinion.

"If, as a society, we claim to truly be against the abuse and harm of our children, then we have a moral responsibility to keep them out of the hands of gay couples, whether 'married' or not," he continues.

It seems pretty clear that he is advocating removing kids from the homes of same-sex parents, which shows he doesn't really care about these kids, but he really does hate their parents. Because if you really want to hurt a kid, a damn good way is to take them away from their parents, especially if the only way you're taking them away is because you don't like who their parents are. There's ample evidence same-sex couples can be wonderful parents. And their kids love them. Doesn't that matter?

Dunkin can call us "perverts" all he wants, but I've got to wonder: when will he start thinking of the children?

Justin Maynard with exchange student Federico

Foreign Exchange Students Seek LGBT Host Families In Michigan

BY BTL STAFF

International Experience USA (iE-USA) is recruiting Michigan families to host foreign nationals, ages 14-18, during the 2014-2015 academic school year. These students, which include LGBT adolescents, are looking for Michigan families–LGBT or ally–to give them an authentic, American experience.

iE-USA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and understanding through intercultural, academic and recreational programs on an individual and community level. Programs like iE-USA operate under stringent U.S. Department of State guidelines.

Though most foreign exchange students come to the U.S. from Germany, many are from over 17 countries (e.g. Brazil, China, France, Switzerland, Spain, Finland, Serbia, Thailand, Italy, etc.). Their desire is to experience American culture and, along the way, make lifelong friends. After an extensive application and orientation process in their home country, the students arrive hoping to sharpen their language skills and be a part of American life. Each student arrives with their own spending money and full health insurance coverage. Host families provide room and board for the student for six to 10 months.

In many cases, these students may find more acceptance and welcome in the United States than in their home countries. In May (Issue 2221 - "LGBT And Traveling: International Students Come To Michigan"), BTL interviewed a gay exchange student from Italy staying in Lansing. That student, Federico, had said "As far as being gay, I've never had a single problem here. I do feel more accepted here in Michigan."

"Every year our state plays host to hundreds of high school students from around the world," said Joseph Bissell, Great Lakes Regional Director with iE-USA. He added that Michigan's diversity makes it fertile ground for cultural exchange and learning. Host families are being asked to open their homes to a high school exchange student, make them a part of everyday life and give them exposure that will make a profound difference in how they relate to Americans. In turn, host families will glimpse the students' various cultures and customs, thus creating new family experiences.

Potential host families wishing to apply have until Aug. 30. To learn more about how to participate, contact Local Coordinator K.A. Fields at 313-930-0103 or k.fields@international-experience.net. Interested families can also register for free and apply online at www.ie-usa.com.

Uganda Invalidates Anti-Gay Law

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

UGANDA - A Ugandan court on Friday [Aug. 1] invalidated an anti-gay bill signed into law earlier this year, saying the measure is illegal because it was passed during a parliamentary session that lacked a quorum.

Activists erupted in cheers after the court ruled the law "null and void," but some cautioned that the fight was not over: the state could appeal the ruling in the Supreme Court and legislators might try to reintroduce new anti-gay measures.

The law provided jail terms up to life for those convicted of engaging in gay sex. It also allowed lengthy jail terms for those convicted of the offenses of "attempted homosexuality" as well as "promotion of homosexuality."

Although the legislation has wide support in Uganda, it has been condemned in the West, and rights groups have described it as draconian.

The U.S. has withheld or redirected funding to some Ugandan institutions accused of involvement in rights abuses, but the ruling Friday might win the Ugandan delegation a softer landing in the U.S. next week as it heads to Washington for a gathering led by President Barack Obama.

The panel of five judges on the East African country's Constitutional Court said the speaker of parliament acted illegally when she allowed a vote on the measure despite at least three objections – including from the country's prime minister – over a lack of a quorum when the bill was passed on Dec. 20.

"The speaker was obliged to ensure that there was a quorum," the court said in its ruling. "We come to the conclusion that she acted illegally."

The courtroom was packed with Ugandans opposing or supporting the measure.

Frank Mugisha, a Ugandan gay leader, said the ruling was a "step forward" for gay rights even though he was concerned about possible retaliation.

Ugandan lawyer Ladislaus Rwakafuuzi, an attorney for the activists, said the ruling "upholds the rule of law and constitutionalism in Uganda."

Lawyers and activists challenged the anti-gay law after it was enacted in February on the grounds that it was illegally passed and that it violated certain rights guaranteed in Uganda's constitution.

The court thus ruled that the activists' entire petition had been disposed of since the law was illegally passed in the first place. This means there will be no further hearings about the activists' argument that the anti-gay measure discriminated against some Ugandans in violation of the constitution.

Nicholas Opiyo, a Ugandan lawyer who was among the petitioners, welcomed the ruling but said there is a missed opportunity to debate the substance of the law. "The ideal situation would have been to deal with the other issues of the law, to sort out this thing once and for all," Opiyo said.

A colonial-era law that criminalizes sex acts "against the order of nature" still remains in effect in Uganda, allowing for the continued arrests of alleged homosexual offenders, Opiyo said.

Lawmakers might also try to reintroduce a new anti-gay measure, he said.

Kosiya Kasibayo, a state attorney, said a decision had not been made on whether to appeal the ruling in the Supreme Court, Uganda's highest court.

The anti-gay legislation was enacted on Feb. 24 by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni,

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who said he wanted to deter Western groups from promoting homosexuality among African children.

Some European countries and the World Bank withheld aid over the law, piling pressure on Uganda's government, which depends on Western support to implement a substantial part of its budget. Ofwono Opondo, a Ugandan government spokesman, had repeatedly described Western action over the law as "blackmail." Opondo and other government officials were not immediately available for comment after the Friday ruling.

Supporters of the anti-gay measure say they believe Museveni - who will lead Uganda's delegation to the U.S. next week - may have quietly backed the court's ruling. Many Ugandans see the courts as lacking independence and unlikely to make decisions strongly opposed by Museveni, who has held power there for nearly three decades.

"This ruling has got nothing to do with the will of the people," said Martin Ssempa, a prominent Ugandan cleric who has led street marches in support of the anti-gay measure. "Unfortunately, it has everything to do with pressure from Barack Obama and the homosexuals of Europe."

Although Ugandan police say there have been no arrests of alleged homosexual offenders since the bill was enacted, gay leaders and activists say suspected homosexuals have been harassed by the police as well as landlords, sending many underground and unable to access essential health services. Ugandan police raided the offices of a U.S.-funded clinic that offered AIDS services to homosexuals after the bill was enacted.

The HIV prevalence rate among homosexual men in the Ugandan capital of Kampala is 13 percent, about double the national average, according to the U.S.-based advocacy group Health GAP. It said in a statement that the court's decision was "a crucial development for increased access" to life-saving health services.

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in New Jersey. Zemke is aware that the argument against the therapy's ban is rooted in free speech, but "the appeals court in California ruled it wasn't a violation, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to take it up further. (This ban) is long overdue in Michigan. We've received a number of commitments of support on both sides of the aisle if we get this bill to the floor. Our goal is to get it to the floor."

Nationally, the movement to ban ex-gay therapy continues to grow as even former proponents decry it. The National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) published a joint letter with nine former leaders of "ex-gay" ministries denouncing the harmful practice. The letter, signed by such former ex-gay advocates as Brad Allen and Darlene Bogle, states, "As former ex-gay leaders, having witnessed the incredible harm done to those who attempted to change their sexual orientation or gender identity, we join together in calling for a ban on conversion therapy. It is our firm belief that it is much more productive to support, counsel, and mentor LGBT individuals to embrace who they are in order to live happy, well-adjusted lives. We fully support the aim of #BornPerfect to bring an end to conversion therapy."

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>
> - State Rep. Adam F. Zemke, D-Ann Arbor

The #BornPerfect campaign, launched by the NCLR in June, works "to protect LGBT kids from the harms caused by attempts to change their sexual orientation or gender identity."

In the same interview with Fahle, Zemke referenced ex-gay conversion therapists closer to home. "At least three affiliates of the Restore Hope Network are in Michigan practicing ex-gay conversion," Zemke said. "It's unclear how many they've tried to convert. The founder's husband, who claimed to be ex-gay, has now come out as gay. It's important to have insight, legally, to say this conversion therapy is wrong."

When Fahle asked if any part of the therapy was worthwhile, McAlvey seemed at a loss of words before saying, "It didn't work, obviously, so it wasn't successful. It left enormous damage that's taken years to heal." Zemke closed the interview by saying, "I'm very supportive of equal rights for all individuals, especially members of the LGBTQ community that have been really not protected. There's absolutely no science that says that this works or is a good thing. We stand up for kids in this case, and that's the obligation we have as lawmakers."

GOP Lawmakers Introduce Bill To Legalize Adoption Discrimination

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

LGBTQ Nation reports that two Republican lawmakers have introduced a new bill that would "license discrimination." The bill, the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2014, aims to allow adoption and foster-care agencies the right to deny services based on their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Critics see the bill as yet another means of discrimination against same-sex couples.

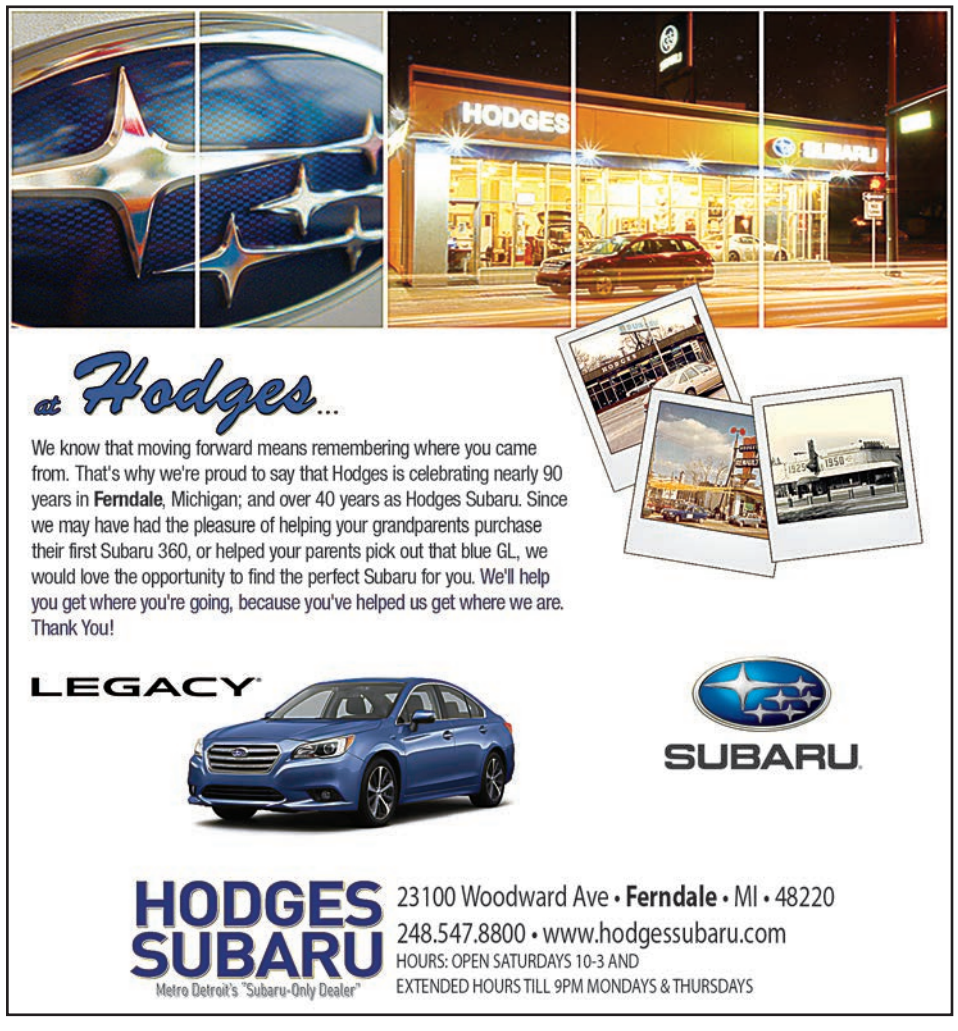
Though the bill does not specify same-sex couples as targets, it does say that the act would "ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children," which would include prohibiting state and federal governments from terminating funding over anti-discrimination law violations. Child welfare services that might be "aggrieved" under the bill would also be due "all appropriate relief, including declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and compensatory damages." Any adverse actions that could cause such issues to those whose religious beliefs are "violated" include "denying a child welfare service provider's application for funding, refusing to renew the provider's funding, canceling the provider's funding, declining to enter into a contract with the provider, refusing to renew a contract with the provider, canceling a contract with the provider, declining to issue a license to the provider, refusing to renew the provider's license, canceling the provider's license, terminating the provider's employment" and more.

In a potential issue of separation of church and state, the bill finds that "Religious organizations have long been and should continue contracting with and receiving grants from governmental entities to provide child welfare services." The text of the bill also references states where same-sex marriage legalization has occurred, such as Massachusetts, California and Illinois. Some religious adoption agencies, like Catholic Charities, have refused to allow same-sex couples to adopt in those states.

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo) and U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa) introduced the bill following the recent political trend in "religious freedom bills." LGBTQ Nation claims that "critics charge that opponents of same-sex marriage have turned to religious liberty arguments as a basis for discriminating against gays and lesbian as federal courts continue to strike down same-sex marriage bans." Earlier this year, conservative legislators in Arizona passed SB 1062, or the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act." Had Gov. Jan Brewer not vetoed the bill, private business owners would have been able to refuse services to LGBTQ customers based on their religious beliefs. Mississippi successfully passed a very similar bill a month later, this time signed by the state's governor, Phil Bryant.

On June 30, the U.S. Supreme Court infamously ruled in the Hobby Lobby case that commercial employers did not have to provide contraceptive coverage if doing so violated their "personal religious beliefs." Anti-gay groups have increased their political activity since the ruling.

"It's increasingly clear that, post-Hobby Lobby, some in positions of power believe that religious freedom should only belong to a few," said Ellen Kahn, Director of the HRC Foundation's Children, Youth and Families Program. "If this bill passes, an Evangelical straight couple, a single father or a committed and loving gay and lesbian couple could find their path to adoption blocked for no reasonable reason other than naked discrimination. This bill has nothing to do with faith."



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Panic! At The Disco Frontman Brendon Urie Takes On Westboro, Talks 'Gay' Past & Lapsed Mormonism

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

Panic! at the Disco frontman Brendon Urie is on the Westboro Baptist Church's shit list – who isn't? – and he couldn't be happier about it.

Laughing off the recent protest that took place during a Kansas City stop on the band's "Gospel Tour," Urie, who revealed in our interview late last year that he's a "straight dabbler," high fives me as I greet him. Backstage, hours before the trio relays a message of love and unity to a Detroit crowd at Meadow Brook Music Festival on July 27, I mention the tweet the troll-y "church" sent out, condemning both of us for our "fag sins."

"We fucking did it!" he says, elated that his outspokenness regarding LGBT issues – and his own sexuality – has reached far enough to get a rise out of the WBC. "Whatever gets them pissed off, I love."

Just wait till they read what he has to say about having the hots for Ryan Gosling.

How did you guys decide you'd respond to Westboro by donating $20 to the Human Rights Campaign for each protester that came to your show?

When I heard that they were showing up, I mean, I can't lie – I was instantly a little upset. I was like, "Oh, man, I don't like these people," but then I started to be like, "I don't wanna be in that mood anymore. I don't wanna feel that way. I don't want them to have that kind of control, so we'll try to turn it around." Because what would make them more mad than being a part of something charitable? And I thought we were gonna make a huge donation! But 13 people showed up for 20 minutes, and then they left. That was weak. It was pathetic. So, we're gonna throw in a little more (money), because that was stupid. (Panic! at the Disco has pledged to donate a total of $1,000 to HRC.)

What if they show up at more shows?

If they do, we'll just donate way more! (Laughs)

Does that kind of hate galvanize you to fight harder for gay rights?

It shows me a world that I am blind to all the time. Living in L.A., everybody's open to everything, which is awesome, so I'm kind of living in a paradise of open-mindedness all the time. You go out on the road and visit different cities and you see that that's not how it is everywhere; there are smaller, concentrated groups of people who love to hate. It makes me wanna fight harder for the things I believe in.

Having grown up Mormon, this condemnation of your beliefs must feel familiar. You left the Mormon Church at a young age, right?

Yeah, I thought, "I don't believe in any of this," when I was 12. I remember looking around the church – it was during sacrament meeting on Sunday – and I was like, "Oh my god, I don't think I believe in this." I started doubting. Within a year I was a full-on atheist. It was so liberating, and it really just made me feel more honest, more like myself. And I love that.

But yeah, I've definitely been in a world where I was doing things that were seen as

complete evil by the church that I was a part of. It just made me so upset for the longest time. I was really angry when I first left the church at 17. I was totally an angry atheist, but then I just got tired of being that.

Last time we chatted, you opened up about same-sex experiences you had early in your life. Did those experiences have anything to do with why you left the church?

That was definitely part of it. Most of it was about the doctrine. After a while I realized if I'm going to believe in a god, I don't want him to hate people that I love. I don't want him to hate his children. If he's saying that black people can't have the priesthood till 1978, that doesn't make sense to me; if being gay is an evil thing, that doesn't make sense to me. All of these things didn't add up. If that's the club that I have to be in to feel exclusive and important, I don't wanna be a part of it. So that was really it. It just didn't coincide with the things that I believed in, and it was as simple as that.

I still consider myself spiritual, and it's a weird thing too. I know for a lot of people God is a great answer to a lot of things, and that's totally fair. To me, I believe it's bigger than that. To me, the universe is greater than it just being on one bearded man in the clouds who *maybe* created everything. I think it's cheapening the experience. I've done countless trips – psychedelic trips – and that has opened up my mind, and I don't think I know that much. And the more I experience, the less that I know that I know.

I just realize I am so ignorant to what's possibly out there, so I don't want to limit myself to believing in one singular God. I'd like to think that it's greater than that, that there is some mystery out there that I haven't solved yet, and maybe never will. But I love pursuing that. That's what "spiritual" is to me. Just being spiritual makes me feel deep, and I just love the way it warms me up.

What did you and the rest of the band think when you heard Westboro's remake of your song, "I Write Sins Not Tragedies," which they rewrote as a gay-bashing anthem called "You Love Sin What a Tragedy"?

Here was my first thought: "Man, couldn't they have gotten a guy who can actually sing?" (Laughs) That made me mad. I was 17 when I recorded that and I didn't consider myself a great singer, but if you're gonna parody something, at least get a guy who can sing. Like, what a terrible voice.

Right? If anything's a sin, it's the Auto-Tune on the track.

(Laughs) That was my exact thought. It's such a bad version. Honestly, we were dying. We were laughing. We thought it was hilarious. We actually thought about changing a couple of the lyrics to what they had for one of our songs, but I was like, "Ah, that gives them too much credit." We thought it was funny.

I look at them as a joke. To me, they're harmless. I realize they're trying to hurt people's feelings, and they do harm when they show up at, like, a dead gay soldier's funeral. That's really fucked up. That's crossing a line.

What do you think of the new name they've given you: "fag pimp"?

How great is that? Hey, so, if anyone's looking for money…

How long do you think it took them to find that photo of you pointing to your crotch?

(Laughs) Not long. It might've been the first thing on Google.

What's been your most fag pimpin' moment on stage?

More pimpin' than gay. (Laughs) Honestly, I'm constantly running around the stage humping the air, humping my bandmates – so yeah, it gets a little sexy.

I watched a montage of you humping stuff the other day. It really says something when there's enough material for a whole gay montage.

It's so funny, when we had our first lineup I used to do it to the other guys in the band, and sometimes it would make then uncomfortable. I was like, "Oh, this is gonna be so much fun." I love pushing buttons.

Have you ever felt like you crossed the line?

Umm... I don't think I've gone too far. I mean, in my opinion. But I don't know. I've never really asked them! (Laughs)

You've kissed bandmates…

Oh, sure. I haven't done it lately. I've just been locked in my own sweaty world. I think I feel bad putting my sweat on somebody else. I'm way too gross now. (Laughs)

How do you feel people responded to your "coming out"?

I don't think that mine necessarily was a coming out because I never had a problem (admitting it) if anyone would ask, but nobody ever asked me if I had ever made out with a guy. To me, it doesn't really matter who you love or what you do with your personal life, but it made me happy to see that reflected in people's comments and reactions to it – that most people who are smart and wise and open-minded can realize that, yeah, that doesn't matter.

At the time, you told me it was a big deal for you to come out.

Because I had never been asked. I had never talked about it. It really was. I don't ever wanna feel ashamed to be honest. I don't ever wanna feel ashamed to just tell people who I am. It only helps to be honest because you can take example from people and realize, "Oh, I can totally be myself and just be proud of who I am."

Do you and your wife, Sarah, have the same taste in men?

God, I just honestly find some dudes straight

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up attractive. So yeah, we talk about Ryan Gosling. We talk about Charlie Hunnam, because he's a beautiful man. And I'm into old school too. I used to watch movies and be like, "That's a good looking dude." I can just appreciate when a dude is attractive. Paul Newman is just a good looking dude. I mean, "Cool Hand Luke"!

What is it about Ryan Gosling?

The attitude. When I was trying to have sex with all these girls in high school, I would watch "The Notebook" just to be like, "All right, let's watch this movie … so we can have sex. So we can make out during this *entire* movie!" In "Crazy, Stupid, Love" when he ripped his shirt off, I was like, "That dude is ripped." I want the Ken body! If only I could get his body on my body…

Is he someone you would commit a "fag sin" for?

(Laughs) You were just waiting to pull that shit out. You know, it's so funny, because, honestly, when I was younger I was just curious. I wanted to try everything. I was 13, 14 and I wanted to try it. I was like, "I wonder, am I gay? I don't know." Between 13 and 15 – that was a big experimental time for me. I lost my virginity when I was 13.

To a girl?

To a girl. I was just attracted to girls, but after messing around, I was just curious. I'm like, "I don't know what I am or who I am yet. I wanna see what I'm into." I didn't really know. I spent a year or two seeing what works – a couple of tries (with guys) seeing what I like, what I don't – and then after a while I realized, "Yeah, I'm straight. I like girls. But I can find a dude attractive." I didn't really know. I'm just a horny individual.

Peace and love from Brendon Urie and BTL's Chris Azzopardi (take that, Westboro).

I was seriously 6 years old when I tried making out with a girl for the first time just because I saw it in movies and I was like, "I wanna do that. That looks awesome." I was just really into girls, and it was a forbidden thing in my house that you can't date until you're 16, so I would sneak out and go to parties. That made me want to try everything out even more. The restrictions made me want to try stuff. Maybe I wouldn't have experimented so much if the world was open to me and it wasn't so strict, but I don't regret it at all. I definitely think that was my path. If I need to know something, I need to experience it for myself. And I'm still 16 up here (points to head). The hormones are still there; the horniness is still there.

So, considering how "busy" you were, did you ever see "The Notebook" in full?

(Laughs) Oh yeah, of course. That's just a good movie. You know what's funny, I was like, (deepens voice) "Oh, no way, that's so stupid, that's so girly," but now I'm like, "That movie's awesome." I love romantic comedies. "Love Actually" is one of my favorite movies.

What does the cover of your latest album, "Too Weird to Live, Too Rare to Die!," represent?

For this last record, "Too Weird to Live," it really was just about times I had growing up in Vegas. I wanted to create that character. The person I am on the cover is not who I am. Even the smoking cigarettes – I've quit since then. But when I was a kid, that was the guy who ran around Vegas and owned it. He had a Liberace jacket and he was smoking a cigarette. He was owning the desert, he didn't give a fuck, and the smoke was colored – that to me was the quintessential Vegas guy.

Is that you living out a childhood fantasy?

I wanted to be what I couldn't have. What was forbidden. To me, the Strip was forbidden. Living there, there's a huge Mormon community, but it's mostly just trying to convert everybody. And most of it is just business-minded – I mean, Mormons are just businessmen, straight up, which is kind of crazy. But yeah, it was out of my curiosity as a kid. I really saw Vegas as this debaucherous gangster town, and I loved that fantastical view of thinking, "Who runs this city?"

You'd hear rumors of the mob owning it, all these mafia ties, and it was like, "I wanna be in that world. I wanna have those ties. I wanna be a 'goodfella.' I wanna be the Ray Liotta to the fucking Paul Sorvino." I always wanted to be in that world, and now I have it in the music world. I've got my closest friends. We've got a gang.

This fantasy you had as kid, where you imagined yourself as a hotshot – was it because you weren't one as a kid? Were you bullied?

Oh yeah.

So you idealized yourself as something bigger than you felt?

Oh, sure. It came somewhat from the bullying, but the bullying – I never let them take it too far. I couldn't stop them from kicking the shit out of me, which would happen once in a while. I think having people around me that were stronger and more supportive just helped me overcome that essentially … because fuck a bully!

How do you respond to bullies now, like Westboro, compared to when you were a kid?

Honestly, I do get that initial anger. I've gotten a lot better as time has gone on and as I've gotten older. I used to just lash out when I was a kid. I'd go home and hit the punching bag till my knuckles were bloody and be like, "I hate my life." But then I realized I don't have it that bad. I'm getting beat up because there's something wrong with them. I didn't do anything wrong. And it's not easy, but in time you realize it's not your fault. It's definitely their problem and it just makes more sense to be a better example. That's such a better victory. It's more selfish, too, for me, because I'm like, "I wanna be the victor right now."

With Westboro, maybe it could change their mind. I just think it would be a good idea to include Westboro, you know? Bring them into the picnic. We're gonna go to the gay picnic and have some cake. You guys want some cake?

Michigan Pride To Feature Floats, Comedy & Drag

BY SHELBY CLARK PETKUS

It's not too early to start planning a trip to Lansing for Michigan Pride. The multi-day event celebrates LGBTQ pride in the state's capital, featuring a variety of adult and family-oriented events from Aug. 22-23.

MI Pride kicks off with the White Party at 8 p.m. on Friday in Lansing's Old Town. The all-night party (themed around white or silver attire) is Michigan's largest white attire event. For $10, a wristband gets party-goers access to all venues: Sir Pizza, Grand Cafe, Spiral Video & Dance Bar and Esquire Bar.

Activities are packed into the following day, starting with the March to the Capitol. The march, which will set up at noon at 200 N. Grand Ave., kicks off at 1 p.m. and will feature various religious groups, local LGBTQ owned and welcoming buisnesses, citizens groups and individuals riding in floats. (All participants are urged to dress appropriately.)

Once the march ends at the capitol steps, a commitment ceremony – "Stand Up and Out" – will take place at 1:30 p.m. Participants, who can register at 12 p.m. on the steps, will receive a certificate from the group-style commitment ceremony. There is no fee, but donations to the minister are appreciated. A rally will also take place on the steps from 1:30-3 p.m., celebrating the LGBTQ community's civil rights progress in the state.

The main event – the Festival in Old Town – runs from 12 to 11 p.m. at 206 E. Grand River Ave. The suggested admission is $5-10. All ages are welcome at the festival, which will feature live music, a bounce house, crafts, games, food and vendors. Some featured entertainment includes the LanSingOut Gay Men's Chorus, comedian Mimi Gonzalez and a drag show.

For post-Pride events, visit www.michiganpride.org.

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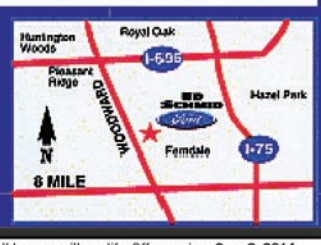

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Why 'Boyhood' Is Everybody's Story

Richard Linklater Honors The Human Condition With Coming-Of-Age Triumph

BY CHRIS AZZOPARDI

I remember the uncomfortable walks to the bus stop. Cradling my baby brother for the first time. How my mom would lick her hand to fix my hair. I can still feel the tightness in my chest if I think hard enough to recall the details of the day my dad tried to overdose on pain killers (I don't like to recall this). And I won't forget the times I pretended to "study" only because I was the "fag" without any real friends. I had one, though, who was always smiling. Those smiles made me happier than she probably knows.

Oh, memories. Sometimes they sit there in the back of everything else until something comes along to give them new life. A cinematic feat that has you growing up right along with its real-life protagonist, Richard Linklater's coming-of-age experiment, the poignant stunner "Boyhood," is that "something."

Over a 12-year span, as he ages out of innocence and into independence, Mason (Ellar Coltrane) becomes what we all inevitably become: something bigger. He develops his own worldview, his own political ideology and even his own philosophy on Facebook (that is, when Facebook actually becomes a thing).

The narrative is specific to Mason and his family's life, so it's a major triumph that Linklater makes those experiences the framework for our own. Mason isn't a mirror reflection of your life, but you can still see yourself in him. Using cultural touchstones to personalize his journey – one of Britney Spears' biggest hits; a game of "Oregon Trail"; presidential elections; in Mason's later years, an Arcade Fire song – his life becomes a map of ours.

It's a path we're on for 12 years, but it's not just Mason's journey. Everyone around him is an integral piece of his puzzle, particularly his vaguely named birth parents, played with multi-layered realness by Patricia Arquette and Ethan Hawke, and older sister Samantha (Lorelei Linklater, the filmmaker's talented daughter). Integral to his transformation into young adulthood, Mason's just-as-lost parents are key in conveying what we come to find out as adults: That even after we're done being kids, we're still growing up. "We're all just wingin' it," his father concedes.

Relevant to the film, the line also speaks to the making of it. Over a decade ago, Linklater couldn't have known exactly how his narrative would unfurl, and if his vision was something Coltrane could bring to the screen. Casting Coltrane as Mason at the age of 6, and following his growth thereafter (the actors themselves also age with Coltrane), was as much a chance as life itself.

Sure, Linklater knew then, at the onset of the shoot, that he had a capable kid on his hands, but he couldn't have known what would happen as he aged. But Coltrane never falters in his portrayal of Mason, who, even as he turns a page in the final scene, feels so much like "ours" that it's hard to give him up. Like his mother, however, we have no choice. This is now her reality too – a reality she recognizes as her son goes off to college. Lamenting, "I thought there'd be more," you feel that way too ... for her, for Mason, for yourself.

Linklater's love letter to youth – and to the human condition as a whole – affectionately captures those transformative years, recognizing that, for better or worse, this too shall pass. As scenes fall into each other, time has a profound duality: It has the gradual pacing of how life tends to unfold, but then the fly-by feeling we get when we look back on it.

Watching "Boyhood," a nostalgic masterpiece that will be the benchmark for all other coming-of-age stories after it, is like clenching a tight fist of sand, and then letting it go only to watch it fall between your fingers. For three hours, I could recapture at least some of it.

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Raising the Steaks: Dining Out at Logan's Roadhouse 4 p.m. Support Affirmations by dining out at any of seven locations in metro-Detroit every First Thursday. Affirmations, **Various.** Goaffirmations.org

Connections 6 p.m. Open to all LGBTQ and Ally youth from 13-18. Join us to meet other LGBTQ and Ally teens and socialize in a safe space. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo.** 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

First Thursdays 6 p.m. Mixer. LGBTQ Networking Group, **Kalamazoo.** Kglrc.org

Free HIV Testing 6 p.m. The AIDS Service Organization, **Lansing.**

Family & Friends 7 p.m. Topics vary from month to month. This is a gathering of people who have family or friends who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Join us as we offer support, share our experiences, and learn about the issues impacting the LGBTQ and allied community. The Jewish Gay Network of Michigan (JGN), 6600 W. Maple Road, **West Bloomfield.** 248-432-5661. Jgnmi.org

Red Robot 7 p.m. Ageplay group. Every first Thursday. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

Friday, Aug. 8

Gay Business Networking (GBN) 8 a.m. Meets monthly to unite LGBT Business owners and professionals and encourage us to support each other by doing business together and referring our friends to members of the networking group. Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

SCA Farmer's Market 9 a.m. Those wishing to sell fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and eggs, including baked goods, cheeses, honey products, flowers, and related food products made regionally or by the vendor should apply. A limited number of hand-crafted items can be included; goods that relate to the serving or enjoyment of food products will be given priority consideration in this category. Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., **Saugatuck.** 269-857-2399. sc4a.org

Old Town Farmer's Market 3 p.m. Old Town Farmer's Market, Corner of E. Grand River Ave. and Center St., **Lansing.** Iloveoldtown.org

Forum Foundation's Riverboat Cruise 7:30 p.m. Support the GLBT scholarship mission. Tickets: $40. The Forum Foundation, **Detroit.** 586-573-9932. Theforumfoundation.org/djc2014. pdf

Pride Friday 9 p.m. The one and only gay night. 18+. Guys with college ID get in free before 11 p.m. Cover: $5+. Necto, 516 E. Liberty St., **Ann Arbor.** 734-994-5835. Thenecto.com

Saturday, Aug. 9

Pride Media Exhibition Come and check out all the great local talent in Southeast Michigan! Interested in being one of our featured artists? Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale.** 248-398-7105. Goaffirmations.org

Windsor-Essex Pride Fest Windsor-Essex Pride Fest, **Windsor.** Wepridefest.com

LGBT Wedding Expo 12 p.m. Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 2111 Haggerty Road, **Novi.** 248-349-6252.

Transgender Pride in the Park 12 p.m. Free food. Free fun. Great friends. Transgender Michigan, **Ferndale.** 855-345-TGMI. Facebook.com/events/258817430910089/

Skeeball, Movie & A Meal 4:30 p.m. Skeeball, Arcade, Minature Golf and Go-Karts! Women of Color Same Gender Loving 40 & Up, 21750 Hall Road, **Clinton Township.** Meetup.com/Women-of-Color-Same-Gender-Loving-40-UP

Motor City Bears Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. Non-members welcome. Motor City Bears, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale.** 248-398-7105. Meetup.com/Motor-City-Bears/

Drag Queen Bingo 10 p.m. A fun alternative to your usual weekend hot spots. Shows get out just early enough for you to hit the local clubs or bars! Refreshments from our full coffee bar (coffees, teas, smoothies), sodas, water, and more. Tickets: $20. 18+. Five15, 515 S. Washington Ave., **Royal Oak.** 248-515-2551. Five15.net

Sunday, Aug. 10

Brides-To-Be Show 12 p.m. Wedding expo. Tickets: $7-8. Brides To Be, 21111 Haggerty Road, **Novi.** 586-228-2700. Bridestobe. us

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Rainbow Book Club 4:30 p.m. Book club dedicated to reading and discussing classic and contemporary lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer literature. Meeting since before 1998, every second Sunday of the month. Rainbow Book Club, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. Catherine. herne@gmail.com

Potluck and Euchre Tournament 6:30 p.m. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek.** Battlecreekpride.org

The Reel Thing - Lesbian Movies at the Emagine 7 p.m. Every second Sunday, a LGBT-themed movie will be played. Title not to be revealed until night of each showing! GOAL, 200 N. Main St., **Royal Oak.** Meetup.com/GOAL-Get-Out-And-Live-LGBT

Monday, Aug. 11

Nest Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Monthly Bible study focusing on LGBTQ issues. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 508 Denner St., **Kalamazoo.** Kglrc.org

Whole Lives, Healthy Lives Adult Support Group 7 p.m. This one-of-a-kind program in Berrien County helps attendees support each other in healthy ways through active listening and caring feedback. OutCenter, 132 Water St., **Benton Harbor.** 269-925-8330. Outcenter.org

Wednesday, Aug. 13

LGBT Summer Film Series Different film each date. Affirmations & GOAL, 200 N. Main St., **Royal Oak.** 248-414-1000. Facebook.com/murrayandpeterpresent

Editor's Pick

Go on a cruise this Friday for a good cause with the Forum Foundation's Riverboat Cruise. In partnership with Diamond Jack's, the foundation is hosting the event to support their LGBT scholarship mission.

The annual river cruise features hors d'ouerves, a cash bar and more. Dance music will be provided by DoublePlay DJ Services.

The Forum Foundation's Riverboat Cruise begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8 at the Diamond Jack's in Detroit. Boarding begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40. Call 586-573-9932 or visit www.theforumfoundation.org for more information.

Older Lesbians Organizing 1 p.m. Provides older Lesbians with the chance to meet like minded women in their common struggles, to share mutual interests and to play and work together. Meets the 2nd Friday of every month. Older Lesbians Organizing, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann**

Stepping Stones Through Grief Support Group 9:30 a.m. Registration required. Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale.** 1-800-832-1155. Goaffirmations.org

TransCend TransCend provides support and resources to the Southwest Michigan transgender community, their significant others, family, friends, and allies. Meetings occur twice per month on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Sunday. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo.** 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

Wine and Food Pairing 7 p.m. Tickets: $40. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., **Three Oaks.** 269-756-3879. Acorntheater.com

Editor's Pick

Transgender Michigan hosts their annual Transgender Pride in the Park this weekend. The event is open to all trans*people and allies. Main sponsors include AIDS Partnership Michigan, Luxury Med Spa, Common Language Bookstore and more.

Expect free food, free fun and great friends. (The festival will provide hot dogs and asks that attendees bring a side dish.)

The event begins at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 in Ferndale's Geary Park. For more information, call 855-345-TGMI or visit www.transgendermichigan.org.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Toastmaster's International SpeakOUT! Club 7 p.m. Toastmasters will show you how to listen more effectively, think on your feet and speak confidently Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. Jimtoycenter.org

Friday, Aug. 15

Woodside Church Goes to the Cleveland Gay Games 6 a.m. Bus will leave from Woodside Church for Cleveland Gay Games. Cost for ride: $35. Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., **Detroit.** 810-767-4911. info@woodsidechurch.net

Movie Night 7:30 p.m. Movies of an LGBT nature. Free. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek.** Battlecreekpride.org

Saturday, Aug. 16

Mid-Michigan Pride Festival With dozens of vendors on hand and a full slate of speakers and entertainment on two stages, this year's Mid-Michigan LGBT Pride on Ojibway Island in Saginaw offers something for everyone. MidMichigan Pride Festival, **Saginaw.** 989-941-1458. pflag@pflag-mbs.org

Walk for Hope and Depression & Suicide Awareness 10:30 a.m. PFLAG Tri-Cities, 4000 Whiting Dr., **Midland.** 989-941-1458. pflag@pflag-mbs.org

Sunday, Aug. 17

Vaccination Clinic 10 a.m. Low cost vaccinations, testing and microchips. Tail Waggers 1990, 31215 Southfield Road, **Beverly Hills.** 734-855-4077. Tailwaggers1990.org

Cement City Ride 10:45 a.m. Meet at Affirmations then ride through beautiful Michigan countryside. Voted best ride of the season. Dykes on Bikes, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, **Ferndale.** 248-398-7105. Dykesonbikesdetroit.com

Prince Manvendra Singh 11 a.m. India's gay prince travels to discuss "Free Gay India" campaign. Q&A and royal brunch. Tickets: $30. Free Gay India, 294 W. Center St., **Saugatuck.** mindytrafman@gmail.com

Outpouring 12:30 p.m. LGBT-affirming service. Non-denominational Christian. Affirming Love Ministries, 9550 Oakland Ave., **Detroit.** Affirminglovemeministries. webs.com

Second Annual Grill n' Chill Picnic 1 p.m. Come out mix and mingle and enjoy delicious food at one of Michigan's LARGEST all female picnics!! Food, water and soda all FREE! Beer and wine allowed in our picnic area only. Play area and beach nearby. Hustle & Flo, S I-94 Service Dr., **Belleville.** Meetup.com/Hustle-Flo-host-fun-monthly-social-events-for-Lesbians

Monthly Support and Program Meeting 2 p.m. PFLAG, 306 N. Division, **Ann Arbor.** 734-741-0659. Pflagaa.org

Bisexual Peer Group 4 p.m. Our group meets monthly on the third Friday & discussion relates to bisexual identity. Building is handicap accessible using ramp to rear entrance. Bisexual Peer Group, 319 Braun Ct., **Ann Arbor.** 734-678-2478. Biprideannarbor@gmail.com Facebook.com/groups/110918256984/

Pride NA 6:30 p.m. Confidential and anonymous. Open to all individuals impacted by addiction. Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, 629 Pioneer St., **Kalamazoo.** 269-349-4234. Kglrc.org

Euchre Tournament 7 p.m. Battle Creek Pride Resource Center, 16 E. Van Buren St., **Battle Creek.** Battlecreekpride.org

Regardless Of (Narcotics Anonymous Meeting) 7 p.m. This is a closed meeting for addicts or those who think they might have a drug problem. This may be a Common Needs meeting, but any addict seeking recovery is welcome! The time has come that any addict seeking recovery in the Washtenaw area can find it. The more diverse the fellowship, the more members we are able to reach! The goal is to make the message of recovery available to all so that any addict can come to NA and feel that they too belong in this fellowship! Jim Toy Community Center, 319 Braun Court, **Ann Arbor.** 734-995-9867. jimtoycenter.org

Drag Queen Addictions 10:30 p.m. LaBelle and Aretha Franklin impersonator April Summers brings her big personality to the stage as she introduces a lineup of drag stars. 18+. Inuendo Nightclub, Corner of Nevada St. and Southbound I-75, **Detroit.** https://facebook.com/inuendo.nightclub?rf=118209121607517

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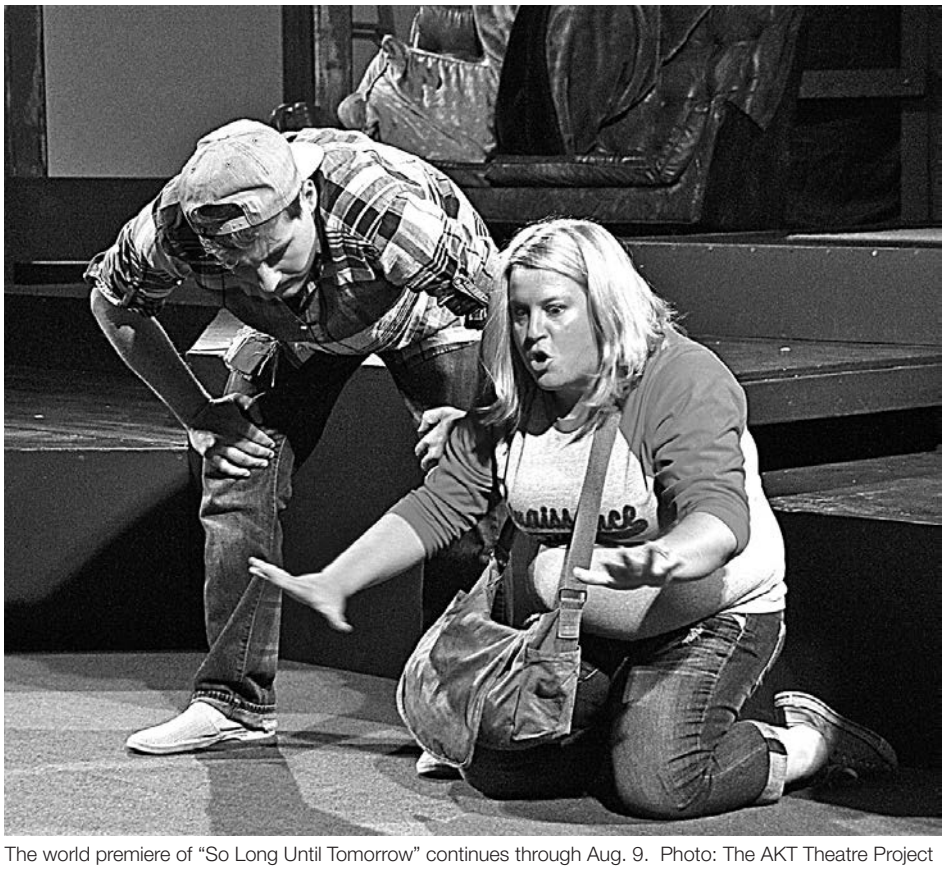
A Fresh Comedy Comes To Wyandotte

BY JOHN QUINN



The world premiere of "So Long Until Tomorrow" continues through Aug. 9. Photo: The AKT Theatre Project

They say the theater is dead, but not in metro Detroit. Our theaters may be struggling financially, but are rich artistically. The past year has been marked by some fine original works; the latest is "So Long Until Tomorrow," getting its premiere courtesy of The AKT Theatre in Wyandotte.

"So Long Until Tomorrow" is adapted for the stage by Bradley Michael, from a screenplay by the same name, written with Josh Samson. That origin is significant; the script shares some of the elements of a TV situation comedy. It could be "Friends" for the 21st century, without resorting to tired stereotypes. The characters' originality is a highlight of this play.

Situation comedy frequently involves an intertwining of two plot lines, sometimes referred to as the "A line" and "B line." "So Long Until Tomorrow" deftly explores multiple plots, some closely connected, others not. The complexity means a richer source for comedy.

While the half dozen 20-somethings of "Friends" had left home for the Big Apple, our six protagonists never left home at all. In fact, they've know each other since high school. Jude (Jacob Moscynski) and Miles (Stebert Davenport) are roommates; Miles works at a radio station, and Jude is launching a singing career. Everybody is just getting by, but Cynthia's (Julia Garlotte) world falls apart when she's diagnosed with cancer. A stubborn sort, she rebuffs her friends' attempts at support.

The boys are not daunted; as improbable fate would have it, they fall into the "oldest profession" in an effort to help Cynthia with her bills. Think "American Gigolo" with torn jeans and Superman boxers. The situation gets pretty profitable for Miles with the appearance of a mysterious older woman. This "Ms. Robinson" (Krista Shafer Ewbank) is definitely trying to seduce him.

Miles and Jude's efforts to help Cynthia are aided by Jude's on-again, off-again girlfriend, Stacy (Lisa Youngs), and the food-obsessed Tiffany (Mandy Logsdon). They are hampered by the antics of Melanie (Hope Morawa), Jude's bat-guano-crazy biggest fan and stalker. She keeps finding ways into the guys' apartment, where she steals mementos. Rounding out the cast are Jack Hundley as all the other men, and Sara Oravitz as various women, including the elusive "girl in pink."

Performances are strong all around, particularly Julia Garlotte as Cynthia. So much of the plot depends on her character, and Garlotte finds the balance between strong-willed independence and fragile vulnerability. And certainly Hope Morawa is in her element as zany Melanie, a bit of comic relief in an already funny comedy.

The problem is architecture. AKT performs in a full-sized, 103-year-old ballroom. While the space is wonderfully flexible – the production of "Spring Awakening" was a veritable panorama – its cubic volume is a challenge for actors. One can speak softly and slowly or loud and fast; soft and fast is not so effective.

What is effective is Jon Pigott's multi-leveled, mish-mash set. It's complete enough that only minimal re-setting is needed between scenes, and it provides numerous bolt holes used by the cast in fine comic effect. Also impressive is Harley Miah's lighting. As a free-lancer, Miah does night-club lighting and has the experience when it came to working in this unique venue.

Bradley Michael and show director Angie Kane Ferrante took an interesting approach in launching "So Long Until Tomorrow." The play is a work in progress; the duo staged live readings, taking note of the attendees' feedback. They even hosted a rehearsal with an audience. This may have added to the very natural flow to the script.

The picky critic in me thinks that flow slows after Cynthia's pivotal decision. There's a lot of wrapping up of various and sundry plots. But all-in-all, "So Long Until Tomorrow" is an ambitious, entertaining project.

INFO

So Long Until Tomorrow

The AKT Theatre Project
James R. DeSana Center for Arts and Culture
81 Chestnut, Wyandotte
7 p.m. Aug. 2, 4, 8, 9
2 p.m. Aug. 3
1 hour, 55 minutes
$10 734-258-8370
www.aktheatre.com

HOTLINES & SERVICES

ACLU of Michigan	313-578-6800
Affirmations Helpline	248-398-GAYS
Alcoholics Anonymous	248-541-6565
Eastern Michigan University LGBT Resource Center	734-487-4149
Equality Michigan	313-537-7000
Flint Crisis Line	810-257-3740
HIV AIDS/Resource Center Toll-Free	866-HIV-TEST
Jim Toy Community Center	734-995-9867
Kalamazoo Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (KGLRC)	269-349-4234
Karibu House Community Center for LGBT Persons of Color	313-865-2170 ext. 3
Lansing Area AIDS Network	517-394-3719
Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC) Toll-Free	888-A-CONDOM
Oakland County Health Division Toll-Free	888-350-0990 ext. 85416
OutCenter	269-925-8330
PFLAG Ann Arbor	734-741-0659
PFLAG Detroit	248-656-2875
PFLAG Genesee County	810-496-8302
PFLAG Lansing	517-332-4550
PFLAG Tri-Cities Bay City/Saginaw/Midland	989-941-1458
Stonewall Bar Association (LGBT lawyers and allies)	313-578-6812
The LGBT Network of Western Michigan	616-458-3511
Transgender Michigan Help Line	517-420-1544
Unity Michigan	269-290-1427
Wellness AIDS Services	810-232-0888

Find these organizations and hundreds of LGBT-friendly businesses online at Pridesource.comcom/directory.html

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Cranbrook Art Museum "Modern / Moderna: Amie Siegel and Terence Gower". Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. June 21 - Aug. 31. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

Michigan Theater "Kevin James". Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 8. 734-668-8397. Michtheater.org

Susan G. Komen "Eighth Annual Recital benefiting the Komen 3-Day" Alyssa G. Smith, percussion. With special guests. A lovely evening of percussion music, featuring marimba, ragtime xylophone and more!Donations to support Smiths two 60-mile walks will be accepted at the reception. Net proceeds from the Komen 3-Day help support research, scientific programs and community-based breast health and education programs for women and men facing breast cancer. Free. MacArthur Recital Hall, Flint School of Performing Arts, 1025 E. Kearsely St., Flint. 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Smithmarimba.com/the_3-day

The Acorn Theater "A quintet from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band". The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. Aug. 16. 269-756-3879. Acorntheater.com

The Acorn Theater "Homespun American Music Night" Tickets: $15. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 8 p.m. Aug. 9. 269-756-3879. Acorntheater.com

The Ark "Carlene Carter" Tickets: $25-35. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet" Tickets: $25. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 9. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Poor Angus" Tickets: $15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 7. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "San, Emily & Jacob Slomovits" Tickets: $15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 16. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "FullSet" Tickets: $20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 12. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Joshua Davis & Rachael Davis" Tickets: $15. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 14. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

The Ark "Andy Irvine & Donal Luny" Tickets: $20. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. Aug. 13. 734-761-1800. Theark.org

Ugly Mug Cafe & Roastery "The Cross St. Chronicles Variety Show & Open Mic" Signup for the Open Mic will be limited to no more than six (6) slots of five (5) minutes each and should present the performer's original work. Ugly Mug Cafe & Roastery, 317 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Jan. 14 - Sep. 9. 734-484-4684. Uglymugypsi.com

Woodside Church "Monthly Jazz Vespers" Alternative worship service featuring local musicians from Flint and surrounding area. Presented in coffee house setting; refreshments will be served. Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., Flint. Sep. 20 - Nov. 21. 810-767-4911. woodsidechurch.net

Festivals

I Love Old Town "ART Feast" Featuring food truck rally, sidewalk sale and more. Old Town, Turner St., Lansing. 10 a.m. Aug. 16. Iloveoldtown.org

Motor City Tap Fest "Motor City Tap Fest" Four days of master classes with leading tap artists, tap jam and more. Wayne State Campus, Detroit. Aug. 13 - Aug. 16. 313-576-5111. Motorcitytapfest.com

River Days "19th Annual Ribs RnB Music Festival" Midwest's largest ribs and music festival. Tickets: $0-5. Hart Plaza, Detroit. Aug. 8 - Aug. 10. 1-800-794-7503. Ribsrnbjazzfest.com

THEATER

Civic/Community Theater

A Midsummer Night's Dream $5-15. The Brass Tacks Ensemble at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Aug. 7 - 9. 734-763-4186. www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

My Big Gay Italian Wedding $12. The Twin City Players, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph. Aug. 14 - 23. 269-429-0400. www.twincityplayers.org

The Laramie Project $15-20. The Detroit Actor's Theatre Company at Social Hall Theatre inside the Ferndale First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Aug. 15 - 22. www.thedatc.org

The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later $15-20. The Detroit Actor's Theatre Company at Social Hall Theatre inside the Ferndale First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Aug. 16 - 23. www.thedatc.org

College/University Theater

The Good Doctor $8-12. Henry Ford College Social Science, Arts and Fitness Division at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Aug. 7 - 17. 313-845-9817. www.theatre.hfcc.edu

Professional

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day $15. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Studio Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 8. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Alone Together $28-32. Tibbits Summer Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Aug. 7 - 16. 517-278-6029. www.tibbits.org

Can't Sit Still $7. Tibbits Popcorn Theatre, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater. Aug. 8 - 9. 517-278-6029. www.tibbits.org

Carousel $15-32. The Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Through Aug. 10. 734-268-6200. www.theencoretheatre.org

ComedySportz Michigan Actors Studio, 648 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. 877-636-3320. www.comedysportzdetroit.com

Cymbeline $31-40. Michigan Shakespeare Festival at Baughman Theatre at Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. Through Aug. 16. 517-796-8600. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

Deathtrap Mason Street Warehouse at Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. Through Aug. 10. 269-857-2399. www.sc4a.org

Detroit Improv Festival Detroit Improv Collective at Go Comedy! and multiple other locations throughout Metro Detroit, 261 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Through Aug. 9. 248-327-0575. www.Detroitimprovfestival.org

Disney's High School Musical $8-15. Thunder Bay Theatre, 400 N. Second Avenue, Alpena. Through Aug. 17. 989-354-2267. www.thunderbaytheatre.com

Ernie $20-25. City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Through Aug. 17. 313-471-6611. www.olympiaentertainment.com

First Thursday Improv Nights $10. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. Through Aug. 7. 269-756-3879. www.acorntheater.com

Forever Plaid $35-41. The Dio - Dining and Entertainment, 135 E. Main St., Pinckney. Through Sep. 7. 517-672-6009. www.diotheatre.com

Fridays and Saturdays at Go Comedy! Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

Grace Detroit's Half-a-Century Birthday * Yay Pajammie Jamboree $10 at the door. Torch With A Twist Vaudevillian Cabaret at Tangent Gallery / Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit. 10 p.m. Aug. 16. 313-873-2955.

Hair $35. Barn Theatre, 13351 W. M-96, Augusta. Aug. 5 - 17. 269-731-4121. www.barntheatre.com

Hamlet $20. Water Works Theatre Company at Starr Jaycee Park, 1301 West 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Through Aug. 10. www.shakespeareroyaloak.com

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark $31-40. Michigan Shakespeare Festival at Baughman Theatre at Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. Through Aug. 17. 517-796-8600. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

Hot Mikado $15-30. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 9. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

Improv Mondays $5 at the door. Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. 313-365-4948. www.planetant.com

Kolobok $5-10. PuppetART at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit. Through Aug. 17. 313-961-7777. www.puppetart.org

Romeo and Juliet $5-10. UnCovered Theatre Company at Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills. Through Aug. 23. 248-218-2046. uncoveredtheatre.wix.com/uncovered

So Long Until Tomorrow $0-10. The AKT Theatre Project at James R. DeSana Center for Arts and Culture, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. Through Aug. 9. 734-258-8370. www.aktheatre.com

Suds $42 (show and meal); $37 show only. Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Rd, Marshall. Through Aug. 16. 269-781-4293. www.turkeyville.com

The Big Bang $15-25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Road, Williamston. Through Aug. 17. 517-655-SHOW. www.williamstontheatre.org

The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised] $10. Water Works Theatre Company at Starr Jaycee Park, 1301 West 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Through Aug. 10. www.shakespeareroyaloak.com-hour

The Doll People $15. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre at DeWitt Studio Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 8. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

The Importance of Being Earnest $31-40. Michigan Shakespeare Festival at Baughman Theatre at Potter Center, Jackson College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. Through Aug. 15. 517-796-8600. www.michiganshakespearefestival.com

The Kings of Unionville $27-32. Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., Northville.

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Editor's Pick

On Oct. 7, 1998, Matthew Shepard was abducted by two men, tied to a fence, tortured and left for dead on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyo. In November 1998, 10 members of a New York theater company set out for Laramie and conducted interviews with more than 200 of its residents. The result is the deeply moving play "The Laramie Project." The Detroit Actor's Theatre Company will present two encore performances on Friday, Aug. 15 and 22.

In addition, "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later" will be presented on Saturday, Aug. 16 and 23. The epilogue contains interviews with community members from the first play, interviews with both of Matthew's murderers, and Matthew's mother, Judy Shepard.

All shows will take place at the Social Hall Theatre inside the Ferndale First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a post-show talk-back. Tickets are $20 adult, $15 students and seniors. For more information: www.thedatc.org.

Through Aug. 24. 248-347-0003. www.tippingpointtheatre.com

The Last Romance $18.50-42. The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Through Aug. 30. 734-433-7673. www.purplerosetheatre.org

The Matchmaker $15. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 8. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

The Signal $25. The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks. 5 p.m. Aug. 10. 269-756-3879. www.acorntheater.com

The Sound of Music $15-30. Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, DeWitt Theatre, 141 E. 12th St., Holland. Through Aug. 7. 616-395-7890. www.hope.edu/hsrt

The Two Gentlemen of Verona $5-10. UnCovered Theatre Company at Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills. Through Aug. 24. 248-218-2046. uncoveredtheatre.wix.com/uncovered

Thursdays at Go Comedy! Go Comedy! Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. 248-327-0575. www.gocomedy.net

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ART 'N' AROUND

Cranbrook Art Museum "Modern/Moderna: Amie Siegel and Terence Gower" Witness an exploration of Modernism through the examination of two contemporary artworks. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. July 1 - Aug. 31. 877-462-7262. Cranbrook.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum "Culture Breakers: The Living Structures of Ken Isaacs". Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. June 21 - Oct. 5. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum "Ephemera: Fragments from Cranbrook's Social Life" A rich and varied look at the ephemera that illustrates Cranbrook's social life during the 20th century. Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. May 1 - Sep. 28. 877-462-7262. Cranbrookart.edu

Dancing Dog Gallery "Biggest Show Ever; Open House" Free. Dancing Dog Gallery, 302 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Aug. 1 - Aug. 23. 734-531-6565. Dancingdoggallery. biz

Detroit Artists Market (DAM) "If You Build It, They Will Come" With this exciting open-call challenge, more than 175 Detroit area artists each selected five wood pieces to use in creating the unique and collectible works of art featured in this fun, end-of-summer exhibition. Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Aug. 1 - Aug. 29. 313-832-8540. Detroitartistsmarket.org

Detroit Institute of Arts "Detroit -- Bruce Weber" Photographs. Detroit Institute of Arts, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit. June 20 - Sep. 7. 313-833-7900. Dia.org

Downriver Council for the Arts "Adult Oil & Acrylics Class" Tickets: $10. Downriver Council for the Arts, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte. Jan. 7 - Nov. 25. 734-720-0671. Downriverarts.org

Flint Institute of Arts "Wet Paint Day" Watch thirty Plein Air artists on the ground of Applewood. Reception follows at FIA. Tickets: $5. Applewood, Flint. 10 a.m. Aug. 9. 810-234-1695. Flintarts.org

Henry Ford Museum "Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Powert" Women Who Rock is an unprecedented chance to revisit the musicians who helped shape the soundtrack of your life - innovators like Madonna and Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin and Tina Turner and dozens of others. Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. May 27 - Aug. 17. 313-982-6001. Thehenryford.org/events/womenWhoRock. aspx

Michigan State University Museum "Evolution in Action" New exhibit explores evolution of biological systems and technologies - evolution in living things, and also in computers and engineering. A new exhibit, "50,000" reveals an ongoing experiment where scientists have observed bacteria growing, competing, and evolving for 50,000 generations in only 23 years. Michigan State University Museum, 409 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. Aug. 4 - Dec. 31. 517-355-7474. museum.msu.edu

Michigan State University Museum "Michigan and the Civil War" Exhibit highlights Michigan connections in the Civil War. Michigan State University Museum, 409 W. Circle Dr., East Lansing. Aug. 4 - Dec. 31. 517-355-7474. museum.msu.edu

One 313 Workshops "Found Sounds (Recycled Materials)" For ages 4+. Free. Number House, Heidelberg Project, 3632 Heidelberg St., Detroit. 12 p.m. Aug. 16. 313-974-6894. Heidelberg.org

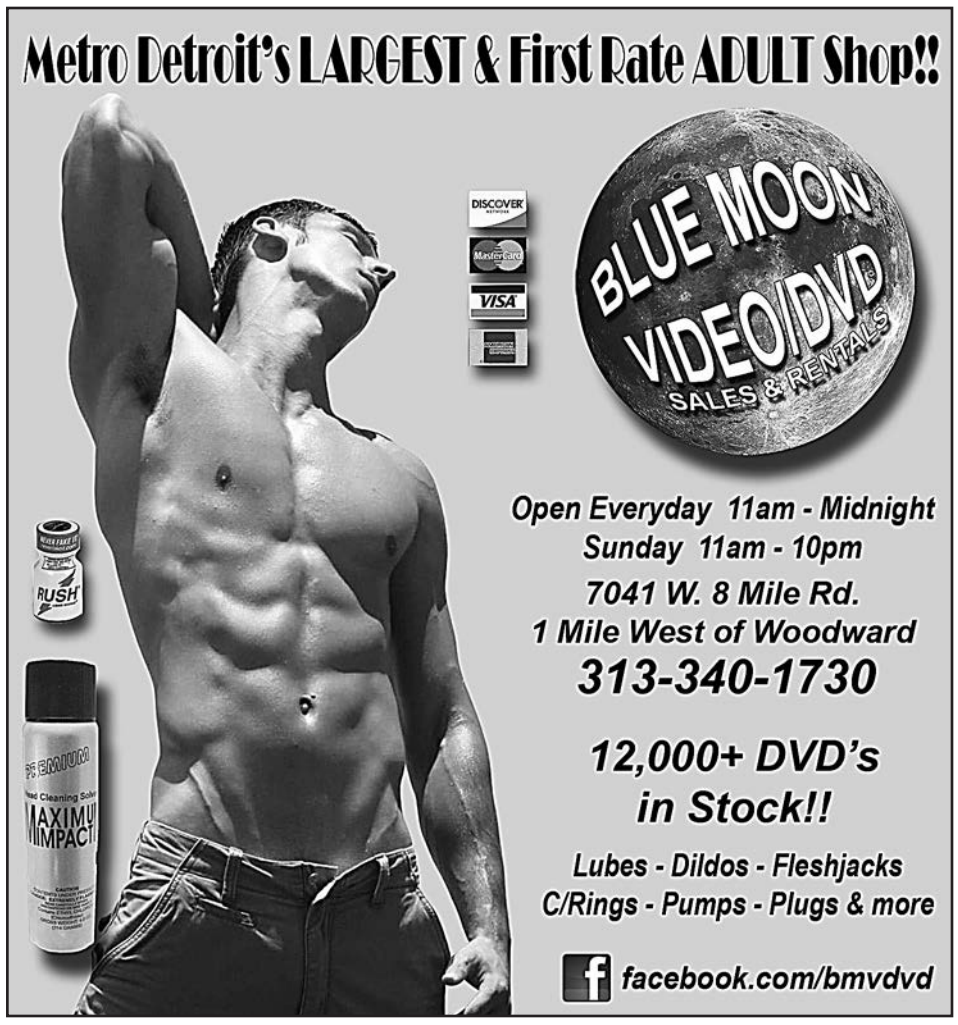
Pewabic Pottery "Members Only Summer Sale". Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Aug. 9 - Aug. 10. 313-626-2000. Pewabic.org

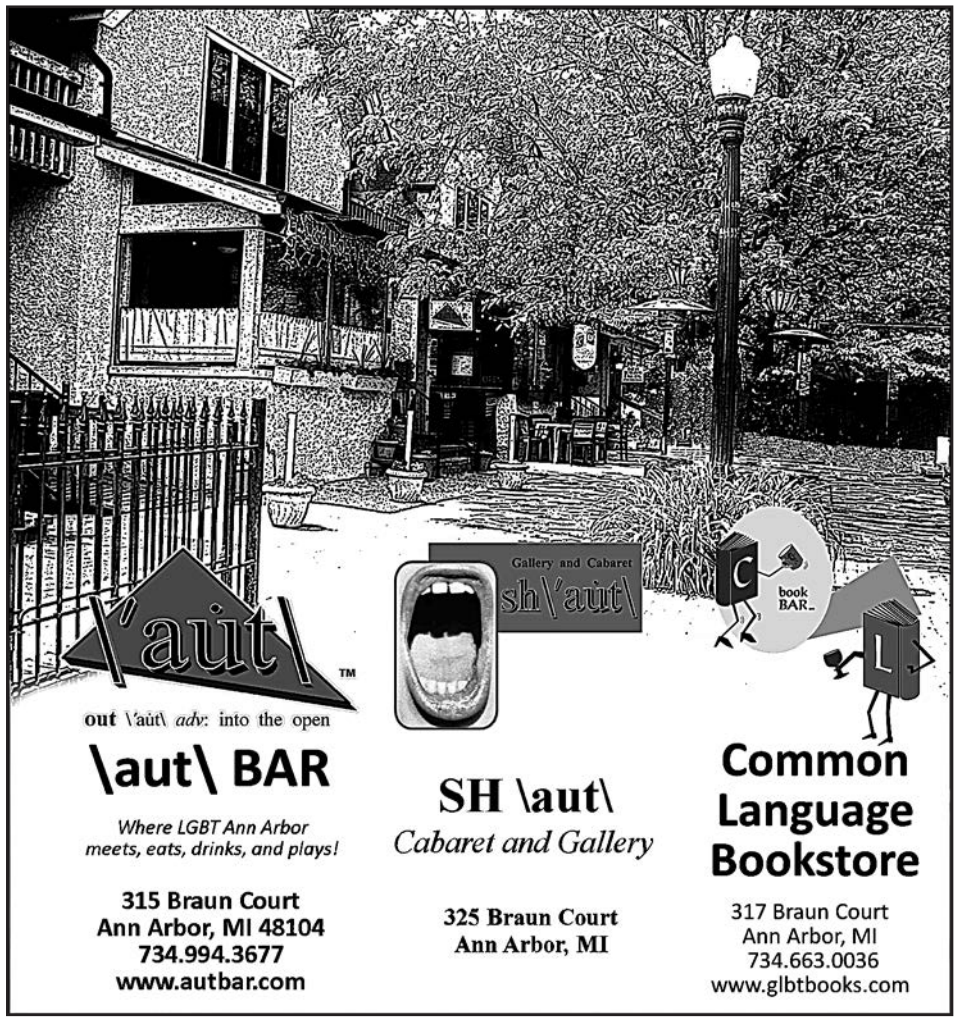
River's Edge Gallery "River From the Underground" Brings two unlikely artists together: Johnny Bee Badanjek, from the world of rock, and Amy Chenier, originally from the world of sports and statement art. River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte. July 1 - Aug. 31. 734-246-9880. Artatthedge.com

Saline Antiques & Vintage MarketET "Vintage Fair" A casual and fun GO-TO place to find an ever changing array of upcycled, recycled and repurposed one-of-a-kind treasures, cool stuff, great local food and exciting shopping. Free parking. Leashed pets welcome. Tickets: $6. Washtenaw Farm Council Roads, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor. 8 a.m. Aug. 16. 937-875-0808. Facebook.com/pages/Saline-Antiques-Market/107333849321152?ref=hl

Saugatuck Center for the Arts "The Lake Effect: Contemporary Art at Ox-Bow". Saugatuck Center for the Arts, 400 Culver St., Saugatuck. June 12 - Aug. 23. 269-857-2399. Sc4a.org

Step On Bus Tours "Art and Propaganda in Nazi-Occupied Holland" Tour Includes Roundtrip Motorcoach, Entry Tickets, Lunch, Appetizer Stop, Goodie Bags and More!Times to be Determined (Times subject to change). Tickets: $75. Step On Bus Tours, 215 W. Troy St., Suite 2046, Ferndale. 7:30 a.m. Aug. 8. Steponbustours.com





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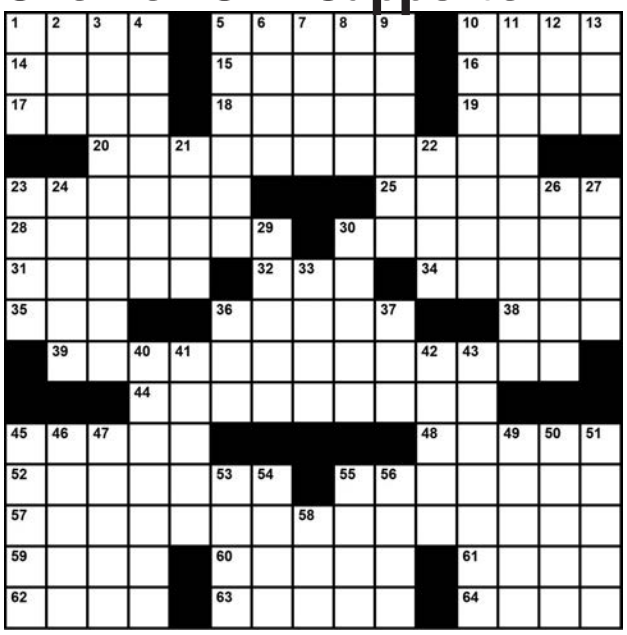
One Hell Of A Supporter



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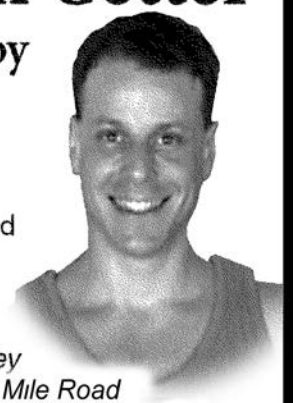

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Bloomfield Hills-Sunday / Tuesday / Thursday

8:00 pm, North Woodward Equality, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, lower level classroom - enter first walkway off Woodward entrance. Big Book/12 & 12 Meeting.

Detroit-Tuesday / Friday

8:00 pm, Downtown Gay AA, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort St. Closed/Discussion (Open 1st Friday of every month).

Farmington Hills-Monday

8:00 pm, Suburban West Gay AA, Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead (Between 10 & 11 Mile Roads) Closed / Discussion.

Ferndale-Monday / Wednesday / Friday

11:30 a.m., Brown Baggers Gay AA, Affirmations, 290 West 9 Mile Rd. Closed/Discussion.

Ferndale-Saturday

1 p.m. Brown Baggers Gay AA, Affirmations, 290 West 9 Mile Rd. Closed/Discussion.

8 p.m. Go After Your Sobriety Gay AA, Drayton Ave Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest. Closed/Discussion.

Livonia-Friday

8 p.m., West Side Story's Gay AA, Providence Medical Center, 7 Mile & Newburgh. Closed/Discussion.

Warren-Monday

7:30 p.m., Eastside Serenity Gay AA, Odd Fellow's Hall, 830 S Monroe St Closed/Discussion.

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Deep Inside Hollywood

BY ROMEO SAN VICENTE

'Two and A Half Men' to exploit gay marriage

Jon Cryer and Ashton Kutcher are getting married. Or, rather, their alter egos on the long-running CBS sitcom "Two and A Half Men" are getting married. No, they aren't in love. No, they aren't gay. But according to creator Chuck Lorre, for the show's 12th and final season, they're getting married anyway. See, it's really difficult for fictional heterosexual men to adopt children and they need all the equally fictional magical properties that trendy gay marrieds possess. So, now the two non-gay characters are going to get married so they can please the adoption agency. Or something like that. We're assured that this upcoming storyline won't be offensive or tone deaf "at all" and that everyone involved understands that the majority of LGBT couples in the United States still do not enjoy marriage equality, much less the breeziest of adoption processes. Oh, yes – and there'll be a wedding scene too. What's the over/under on these characters visibly freaking out over the prospect of kissing? We have enormous confidence in you, broadly-written family sitcom! Proceed with abandon!

New jobs for Portia, Wentworth and Neil

A "top secret arc" for Portia de Rossi is coming to "Scandal," and, really, it's about time. The wild tone of the show is perfect for de Rossi's self-aware and self-obsessed brand of comic treachery, a quality honed to a razor point on "Arrested Development." You won't see it until next season, so if you're behind on your binge-watching, pick up the pace before spoilers ruin everything… In other queer casting news Wentworth Miller has landed the role of Captain Cold in the CW's upcoming comic book-based series "The Flash." CC is a key player in the universe of The Flash, so just add another log to the fire that burns down the old ideas about actors coming out of the closet and ruining their careers. Word is there's going to be an Arrow crossover too… And, finally, what would happen if

Jon Cryer. Photo: Shutterstock.com

Neil Patrick Harris got a job because of Twitter? It seems appropriate. The man never stops working. Why shouldn't he get hired via all manner of communication platforms for all the stage musicals, TV shows, films and musical web series? Anyway, that's what just happened. The actor reached out to "American Horror Story"'s Ryan Murphy, expressing interest in working on the series, and Murphy, in turn, tweeted his agreement. We'll keep you posted on what evil lurks down the road.

It's raining Noel Coward films

Perhaps you've already heard about the in-development "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," which is reported to be starring Colin Firth as witty gay playwright Noel Coward during his 1955 two-week-long cabaret stint in Las Vegas. By all accounts it's still in the works, and what we learned from two Truman Capote movies is that there's always room for competition, so wrap your head around Chris Colfer taking on the same role. Currently untitled, the project from up and coming filmmaker Joe A. Stephenson (who already served as a producer on a TV special, "In Love With Coward") is, obviously, devoted to the younger years of the same man. And Colfer's reported co-stars will be none other than Ian McKellen and Vanessa Redgrave. It all sounds fairly promising. Next up: Seth Rogen in old-age makeup and a weird accent to play Coward during his time on the set of the Richard Burton/Elizabeth Taylor art-film fiasco, "Boom!" Why not?

What's queer at The Toronto Film Festival?

If you happen to be lucky enough to attend September's Toronto Film Festival, be sure to check out the gay-themed film from straight director Barry Levinson and the straight-themed film from the gay directing team of Wash Westmoreland and Richard Glatzer. Levinson's film, "The Humbling," is not a horror show in spite of its spooky sounding name. It is, however, a tragic comedy about a legendary stage actor who finds himself in an affair with a younger lesbian. It stars Al Pacino, Greta Gerwig, Dianne Wiest and Mandy Patinkin. And "Still Alice," from Glatzer and Westmoreland, tells the story of a linguistics professor, married with three grown children, who begins to forget words, only to discover she has a degenerative condition. The serious-minded family drama (one way you can tell that autumn and pre-Oscar season has arrived without checking the color of the tree leaves) from writer Lisa Genova (based on her novel) stars Kristen Stewart, Julianne Moore, Kate Bosworth and Alec Baldwin.

Romeo San Vicente wears the revealing white swim trunks well after Labor Day. He can be reached care of this publication or at DeepInsideHollywood@qsyndicate.com.

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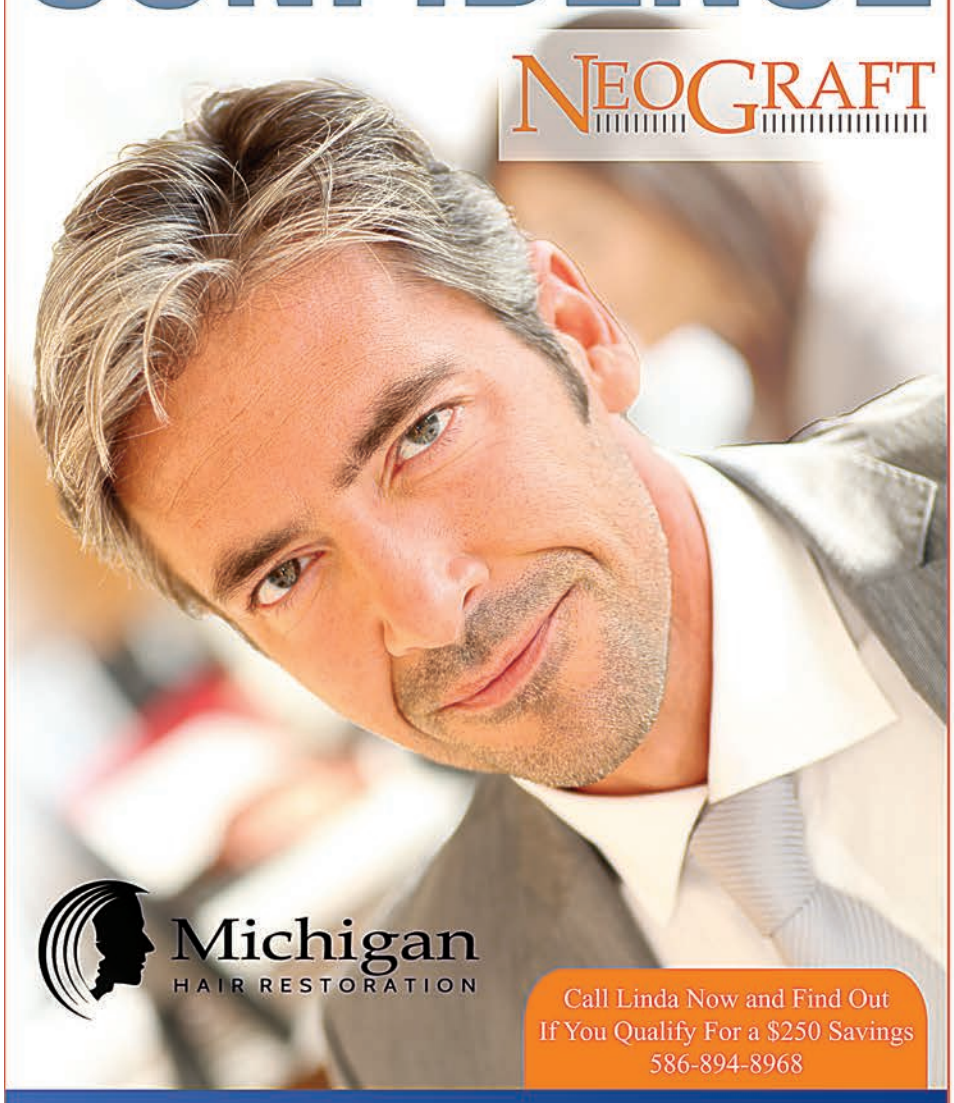

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